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SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

January 15, 2026

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Ownership Transfer of K9 Arthas

Honorable Members:

Attached, please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization for the Erie County Sheriff's Office to transfer ownership of K9 Arthas to Sergeant Jordan Grabar.

Representatives of the Sheriff's Office will be made available upon request to answer any questions you may have.

Very Truly Yours,

John C. Garcia
Sheriff of Erie County

Attachments

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Sheriff's Office
Re: Ownership Transfer of K9 Arthas
Date: January 15, 2026

Summary of Recommended Action

Approval of this resolution will authorize the transfer of ownership of K9 Arthas from the Erie County Sheriff's Office to Sergeant Jordan Grabar. Sergeant Grabar is presently K9 Arthas' handler.

Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Sergeant Grabar shall pay Erie County one (1) U.S. Dollar.

Reasons for Recommendation

Upon the retirement of a K9 handler, it is customary for the Erie County Sheriff's Office to concurrently retire the K9 and transfer ownership of the K9 to said handler. Sergeant Grabar's retirement – and concurrently K9 Arthas' retirement - is to take effect on February 6, 2026.

Funding to replace K9 Arthas has been allocated through the FY22 Explosive Detection Canine (EDC) Grant that was approved by this Honorable Body on October 23, 2025 (Comm. 18E-6).

Consequences of Negative Action

The Erie County Sheriff's Office would unnecessarily retain ownership of Arthas.

Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Purchasing Department, the County Attorney, the Erie County Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Re: Ownership Transfer of K9 Arthas

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Erie County Sheriff's Office to provide quality public safety services to our community by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction, with an emphasis on integrity, fairness and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, K9 Arthas is scheduled to retire from the Erie County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit on February 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jordan Grabar is K9 Arthas' handler; and

WHEREAS, it is customary to transfer ownership of a retiring K9 from the Erie County Sheriff's Office to his or her handler;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the County Executive and Sheriff to enter into an agreement to transfer ownership of K9 Arthas to Sergeant Jordan Grabar for the consideration of \$1.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, Sergeant Grabar shall assume full responsibility for Arthas under such agreement and shall hold Erie County and the Erie County Sheriff's Office harmless against any and all future liability; and be it further;

RESOLVED, Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Purchasing Department, the County Attorney, the Erie County Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT: As Indicated