



RESOLUTION TITLE: SURPLUS AND DISPOSITION OF GERMAN SHEPHERD K-9

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-266 (C) dictates the procedure for disposal of surplus property; and,

WHEREAS, The Gaston County Police Department has a nine (9) year old male German Shepherd K-9 by the name of Pax that is failing to perform his duties as a member of the K-9 team in handler protection, building searches, criminal apprehension, narcotics detection, and tracking due to age; and,

WHEREAS, K-9 Pax has been examined and treated by a veterinarian licensed by the state of North Carolina. K-9 Pax is unable to perform the duties required such as tracking, handler protection/apprehension, building searches, etc. due to the age and loss of stamina. Captain W. P. Downey, K-9 Unit Commander, advises that he feels the safety of the K-9 and its handler is becoming an issue. Captain Downey recommends K-9 Pax be retired at this point.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners that:

1. This nine (9) year old German Shepherd K-9 be declared as surplus and removed from Gaston County's inventory.
2. The Gaston County Manager be authorized to dispose of this K-9 according to North Carolina General Statute 160A-266 (C), and make this K-9 available for private sale to K-9 handler Unit Sergeant J. A. Leatherwood, who will be responsible for all further medical and housing expenses once Pax is retired.