

**CITY OF BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE**

	INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM	
	TO:	Michael Colon, City Council President
	FROM:	Michelle L. Kott, Chief of Police
	DATE:	March 30, 2022
	RE:	Resolution for Adoption of "George" – Mounted Unit Equine

At the recommendation of veterinary staff, the Bethlehem Police Department retired police equine "George" from active duty in 2020 due to lameness and neurologic issues.

George was purchased in 2009 by the City of Bethlehem with federal funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) (2009-SB-B9-1591) that was awarded March 1, 2009.

The Bethlehem Police Department is seeking approval to properly retire George per grant compliance guidelines and Third Class City Code.

If approved, ownership will be transferred to the Friends of the Bethlehem Mounted Police, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, so that he may be able to live out the remainder of his life in a happy and loving environment. Per grant guidelines, the transfer will commence at a fair market value of \$500.00.

I respectfully request permission from Council, under 11 Pa.C.S. §12402.1 of the Third Class City Code, to officially retire George and transfer him to the Friends of the Bethlehem Mounted Police.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

Michelle L Kott

Chief Michelle L. Kott #345
Bethlehem Police Department

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

WHEREAS, in 2009 the Bethlehem Police Department purchased George, a Percheron/Morgan cross, with funding obtained through an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (2009-SB-B9-1591) that was awarded March 1, 2009;

WHEREAS, George, as a dedicated and talented member of the Bethlehem Police Department Mounted Patrol Unit, has provided 11 years of service of the highest order to protect and serve the residents of Bethlehem and officers of the Bethlehem Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Bethlehem Police Department now wishes to retire George and to transfer ownership of George to the Friends of Bethlehem Mounted Police, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, George will live out his retirement in a loving and happy environment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem is authorized pursuant to 11 Pa.C.S. § 12402.1 of the Third Class City Code to dispose of personal property by sale or otherwise upon approval by City Council via resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that George be extended the gratitude of the City of Bethlehem, which has benefited from his eleven years of service and the special contributions he made to promoting public safety and protecting the lives and property of Bethlehem residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, now that George is retired, he can relax and enjoy all that life has to offer him; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that George is extended every good wish for a long and happy retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that George is hereby approved to be transferred by the Bethlehem Police Department to the Friends of Bethlehem Mounted Police:

Sponsored by /s/ _____

/s/ _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 2022.

/s/ _____

President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
City Clerk