

## RESOLUTION 07-2026

### A RESOLUTION APPROVING A POLICE CANINE TRANSFER AGREEMENT AND RELEASE WAIVER FOR CANINE AKSEL BETWEEN THE CITY OF MT. JULIET, TENNESSEE AND BRIAN DALHOVER

**WHEREAS**, Canine Aksel (“Aksel”) has been with the Mt. Juliet Police Department (“MJPD”) since March 4, 2025 and was born on January 14, 2024, making him two years old this week; and

**WHEREAS**, Aksel had an unfortunately short but honorable career as a police canine alongside MJPD Officer Reese Harper; and

**WHEREAS**, Aksel sustained a leg injury during a vehicle accident on April 23, 2025 that ultimately required the amputation of his leg on September 19, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Aksel’s ability to continue to do police work can no longer be achieved and the MJPD has determined, by consultation with a licensed veterinarian and/or agreement of the chain of command, that he be retired from service; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to divest itself of both ownership and liability for Aksel pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Police Canine Transfer Agreement and Release Waiver; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian Dulhover, a current MJPD Reserve Police Officer, wishes to assume ownership and take possession of Aksel.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee as follows:

**Section 1.** The Board of Commissioners approves the Agreement and Release with Brian Dalhover.

**Section 2.** City Manager, Kenny Martin, is hereby authorized to execute the said Agreement with Brian Dalhover.

#### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

In case of conflict between this resolution or any part hereof, and the whole part of any existing resolution of the City, the conflicting resolution is repealed to the extent of the conflict but no further.

If any section, clause, or provision or portion of this resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, clause, or provision or portion of this resolution.

This resolution shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

**RESOLUTION 2026 –**

PASSED: January 12, 2026

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James Maness, Mayor

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Kenny Martin, City Manager

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Hamblen, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Samantha A. Burnett, City Attorney