

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON AND THE NORTH ROYALTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- WHEREAS: The City of North Royalton desires to continue to provide the services of a School Resource Officer to the North Royalton City School District and, at the request of the District, to add the use of a certified therapy dog; and
- WHEREAS: The SRO may bring his/her certified therapy dog to his/her assigned school premises for use with the staff and students during the performance of his/her responsibilities as an SRO; and
- WHEREAS: All shot records, certifications, training records and insurance information will be provided by the City to the District as part of the approval process. If approved, the SRO handler agrees to work with the school's administration on parameters and day-to-day guidelines for the usage of the therapy dog; and
- WHEREAS: In addition to the above, the therapy dog will stay with the SRO handler at all times, unless a critical incident should occur, or the dog is otherwise secured in the handler's office. Provisions will be made by the SRO with the Building Administration for procedures in case of exigent circumstances; and
- WHEREAS: The parties agree and acknowledge that the costs of the therapy dog and SRO officer pay as related to the therapy dog shall be equally shared between the District and the City. The City will provide an estimate of said costs as part of the approval process; and
- WHEREAS: The use, utilization and/or continuation of the therapy dog on school premises remains within the sole discretion of the District and the District may terminate the use of a therapy dog at any time; and
- WHEREAS: The Council deems it necessary and in the best interest to the health, safety and welfare of all city residents to meet the District's request for a certified therapy dog.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The Council of the City of North Royalton finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the city meet the District's request for a certified therapy dog and authorizes the Mayor to execute the School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding with North Royalton City School District in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A with such amendments as may be required as determined by the Director of Law.

Section 2. The Council of the City of North Royalton does hereby approve and authorize such funds as may be required for the School Resource Officer Program pursuant to the School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of North Royalton for the reason that it is necessary to provide for protection of the students of the North Royalton City School District.

