

**RESOLUTION 26-16**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP  
OF K-9 DRUG DOG TO HANDLER**

**WHEREAS**, the Spring Hill Police Department purchased a drug dog, "Faith", to serve as a K-9 narcotics dog in the K-9 division; and

**WHEREAS**, the handler, K-9 Officer Newton Walker, is employed by the City of Spring Hill, Spring Hill Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, due to Faith's medical condition diagnosed by a veterinarian, she is no longer able to perform her duties as K-9.

**WHEREAS**, the Spring Hill Police Department requests that ownership of Faith be transferred to K-9 Officer Newton Walker, who shall take possession, and assume all responsibility, liability and costs to maintain; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Spring Hill Board of Mayor and Alderman authorize the transfer of ownership of K-9 Faith to K-9 Officer Newton Walker as stated above and in the K-9 waiver, attachment A.

**Passed and adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.**



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Matt Fitterer, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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April Goad, City Recorder

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:

  
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Patrick Carter, City Attorney



**DON BRITE**  
Chief of Police

**JASON FOGLE**  
Deputy Chief of Police

### Waiver of Liability Form

In consideration of the transfer of ownership of canine, Faith, hereinafter referred to as the "Canine", from the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee, to Newton Walker, the undersigned, the undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges the City of Spring Hill, Spring Hill Police Department, the Chief of the Spring Hill Police Department, their agents, employees, heirs, and assigns from any and all injury, disability, loss, destruction, or mishap that may occur to the undersigned or other individuals in connection with the "Canine".

The undersigned accepts full responsibility and furthermore agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Spring Hill, Spring Hill Police Department, the Chief of the Spring Hill Police Department, and their agents, employees, heirs, and assigns for any injury or damage to any person or property that may occur or be caused by the "Canine" after the transfer of ownership, which is effective as of the date listed below.

The undersigned is fully aware of the nature of the training the "Canine" received and the nature of the work that the "Canine" was to perform during the time of ownership by the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee, and understands the need to provide the "Canine" with suitable shelter and reasonable surroundings in keeping with its training and work experience, as well as all maintenance and veterinary costs.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, THE PARTIES have hereunto set their hand(s) this

21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2026.

In Presence of:

[Signature]  
Newton Walker, undersigned.

[Signature]  
Don Brite, Chief of Police

[Signature]  
Witness

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