

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council
Lawrence B. Weathers

FROM: Chief Lawrence B. Weathers
Lexington Police Department

CC: Commissioner Kenneth Armstrong
Department of Public Safety

DATE: January 20, 2026

SUBJECT: **Release of Claims Agreement – Retired Police Canine Cato**

Request

Authorization to enter into a Release of Claims Against the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) Agreement. This agreement will allow the Lexington Police Department to release retired **Canine Cato to Officer Chaz Grider.**

Why are you requesting?

The attached agreement will release and forever discharge the LFUCG, and its agents and successors, of and from any and all manner of actions, claims and demands whatsoever arising out of the gift of the retired police canine. In return, Officer Grider acknowledges that this agreement will preclude him from utilizing the retired police canine in an “off-duty” employment assignment for security or law enforcement purposes, and is prohibited to sale or transfer the retired police canine to another public safety entity. We are requesting Council approval for Mayor Gorton to sign the attached agreement. There will be no budgetary impact. Upon approval and signing, please forward a copy of the signed agreement to the Chief’s Office for our records.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

The cost for this FY is: N/A

The cost for future FY is: N/A

Are the funds budgeted?

There will be no budgetary impact.

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**Director/Commissioner: Lawrence B. Weathers, Chief
Lexington Police Department**

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