

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI  
APPROVING RETIREMENT OF K-9 RICO**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pascagoula owns a Belgian Malinois K-9 named Rico, which was acquired for and has been used by the Pascagoula Police Department for drug detection and criminal apprehension since 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Rico is ten (10) years old and, in the opinion of Bienville Animal Medical Center, Rico is no longer capable of doing drug detection and criminal apprehension; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pascagoula Police Department finds Rico to be a surplus asset of the City of Pascagoula, and should be retired in a humane way; and

**WHEREAS**, Rico’s handler and partner, for the entire time he has been owned by the City, has been Officer Justin Cagle; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Cagle has agreed to accept full responsibility for the care, medical treatment and custody of Rico; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Mississippi Code Section 45-3-52, a law enforcement officer shall be allowed to retain as his personal property any dog assigned to such officer when dog is retired from service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** The City Council of Pascagoula hereby retires Rico from law enforcement service, and finds that, pursuant to Mississippi Code Section 45-3-52, Officer Justin Cagle shall retain Rico as his personal property.

The motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and the following vote was recorded:

Mayor Demetropoulos \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Jones \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Fornett \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Burrow \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Parker \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Tipton \_\_\_\_\_

Councilwoman Colmer \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

ATTEST:

CITY COUNCIL

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor