

No. 33-25-OR

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance of the donation of two horses for adoption by the County for use in the Allegheny County Police's Mounted Unit.

WHEREAS, Lisa and Mark Grosz offered to donate a 5-year-old Percheron gelding named Blue to the Allegheny County Police for its Mounted Unit; and

WHEREAS, during a 90-day trial period the Allegheny County Police have assessed Blue's health, physical capabilities, and overall fitness for duty and found him to exhibit no behaviors that would preclude him from succeeding in the Mounted Unit; and

WHEREAS, Blue completed a 3-day Advanced Police Mount Training Seminar in Cape May, NJ; and

WHEREAS, Cannon Hill Veterinary Clinic examined Blue and determined that he was in good health with no physical concerns or underlying health conditions; and

WHEREAS, In July, 2022, the City of Pittsburgh Police Department donated an 18-year-old horse named Cappy, also a Percheron gelding with the appropriate size and temperament for the Mounted Unit, and Cappy has proven his ability to be deployed in all aspects of mounted police patrol, and

WHEREAS, Cappy should be deployable with the Mounted Unit for five more years, barring any unforeseen health issues or injuries, and

WHEREAS, The County Police wish to utilize these horses as part of its Mounted Unit; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 2, Subsection j of the County's Home Rule Charter requires that the Allegheny County Council approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of gifts or donations of real and personal property on behalf of the County; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County Council is of the considered opinion that the acceptance of the donation of these horses from Lisa and Mark Grosz and the Pittsburgh Police Department for adoption is in the best interest of the County.

The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. INCORPORATION OF THE PREAMBLE.

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated by reference in their entirety herein.

Section 2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Acting pursuant to Article IV, Section 2, Subsection j of the County's Home Rule Charter, Allegheny County Council hereby authorizes the acceptance of the donation of two horses, a 5-year old Percheron gelding named Blue, and an 18-year-old Percheron gelding named Cappy, for use as part of the Allegheny County Police's Mounted Unit.

Section 3. AUTHORIZATION OF OFFICERS TO ACT.

The appropriate County officers and officials are authorized to take any and all other such action to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, including the execution of agreements to facilitate the acceptance of the donation of the horses under such terms and conditions as the County Manager and such other appropriate County officers and officials deem necessary and prudent.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void, or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance which shall be in full force and effect.

Section 5. REPEALER.

Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Ordinance.

Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall enter into effect immediately.

Enacted in Council, this 16th day of December, 2025.

Council Agenda No. 13382-25.


Patrick Catena
President of Council

Attest: 
Jared Barker
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office December 22, 2025

Approved: 
Sara Innamorato
Chief Executive

Attest: 
Grant Gittlen
Chief of Staff

Allegheny County Police Mounting Unit- Horse Ordinance Summary

The Allegheny County Police are requesting approval to accept two horses, that have been donated and examined to be fit for service for their Police Mounting Unit. Pursuant to the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter, County Council is required to approve the gift and/or donation of said horses to the Allegheny County Police Mounting Unit.