## SIDEBAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MULLICA AND PBA MAINLAND LOCAL NO. 77 MULLICA

Whereas the Township of Mullica (Mullica) and the PBA Mainland Local No. 77 ("the PBA") have agreed to terms regarding Officers assigned Canines and establishing a Canine Unit: It is on January <u>10</u> 2023 mutually agreed that:

- The establishment and existence of the Canine Unit shall be under the exclusive control
  of the Chief of Police and the continued need of said unit shall be determined by the
  Chief of Police based on its effectiveness and overall value as a law enforcement tool
  relative to the operational needs of the Department. Members of the Canine Unit will be
  subject to recall for emergency duty.
- 2. When not actively engaging in specific Canine duties and responsibilities the canine officer will be responsible to perform all other duties and responsibilities of Patrolman/Sergeant as set forth in the Department's Rules and Regulations.
- 3. Canine Officers shall be provided with all necessary equipment needed to perform his assigned duties. It is agreed that the Township shall provide all necessary foodstuffs for the maintenance of the canine. It is agreed that the Township shall provide the necessary veterinary care, medical supplies and equipment needed for the good health of the canine.
- 4. It is agreed that the Township shall provide adequate equipment for the proper training of the Canine for the proficiency, control, care, grooming and maintenance of the canine.
- 5. Officers assigned a Canine will receive 12 hours of Compensation a month representing compensation for the time spent caring for the Canine while off duty including but not limited to time spent bathing, brushing, exercising, feeding, grooming, cleaning up after the dog, administering medicine, transporting the dog for vet care and at home training.
- 6. It is agreed the Township shall allow the Canine Handler to adopt or obtain ownership of the Canine upon said Canine's end of service or retirement from active duty.

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For the Township of Mullica

For Mainland PBA 77 Mullica

JEFF LANCASTER, PRESIDENT

BRUCE CROWE, MAYOR