



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Christopher Ramos, Chief of Police
DATE: November 4, 2025
SUBJECT: Facility Use Agreement with Vohne Liche Kennels to Utilize City-owned Facilities for K9 Training

Description: Request to approve a Facility Use Agreement with Vohne Liche Kennels to waive fees for the use of City-owned facilities in exchange for waived K9 training costs. The buildings would include the Nutrition Center (Bldg F), Transit Building (Bldg D), and 500 Grace Avenue.

Background and Analysis:

Vohne Liche Kennels (VLK) is the Police Department's selected long-term for-profit organization that provides advanced training techniques and certifications for law enforcement K9s. VLK has approached the City with a proposal to utilize the City's facilities for conducting K9 training sessions. Their request includes a waiver of any associated facility use fees by the City in exchange for waiving their ongoing training costs for one of the Beaumont Police Department's K9s.

Vohne Liche Kennels has proposed utilizing the police facility Nutrition Center (Bldg F), Transit Building (Bldg D), and 500 Grace Avenue 2–4 times a month for K9 training sessions. These sessions would be conducted by their experienced trainers and would cover a range of essential skills and techniques for police dogs, including obedience, scent detection, and apprehension training. The kennels have expressed a commitment to coordinating their training schedule with our department to ensure minimal disruption to ongoing operations.

Benefits to the City:

1. **Enhanced Training for K9 Officers:** By allowing Vohne Liche Kennels to utilize the facility, Beaumont K9 officers will have access to advanced training techniques and expertise that may not be readily available within our department. This will contribute to the professional development and effectiveness of Beaumont's K9 unit.

2. **Networking Opportunities:** Collaborating with Vohne Liche Kennels will provide Beaumont K9 officers with valuable networking opportunities. They will have the chance to interact with trainers and handlers from other police departments, facilitating the exchange of knowledge and best practices in K9 training and operations.
3. While providing training at City of Beaumont facilities, Vohne Liche Kennels waives training fees to their Police K-9 training course for Beaumont police officers, a savings of \$400 per course.

The Police Department recommends approving Vohne Liche Kennels' agreement to utilize City-owned facilities for K9 training sessions and waiving any associated fees under the Facility Use Agreement in exchange for free K9 training. This partnership aligns with our department's commitment to providing Beaumont K9 officers with the highest quality training resources and fosters collaboration within the law enforcement community.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no negative impact to the City's general fund. Currently, there are no established facility use fees for City buildings utilized for K-9 training.

For comparison, the rental fee for the City gymnasium is \$150 per hour. K-9 training classes are typically four hours, which means that waiving the fees for each class represents a potential cost of \$600, or approximately \$1,200 per month.

The cost to prepare this staff report was \$500.

Recommended Action:

Approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City and Vohne Liche Kennels to waive the City's Facility Usage when using facilities to conduct police K9 training in exchange for free K9 training for the Beaumont Police Department; and

Authorize the Mayor to execute the Facility Use Agreement.

Attachments:

- A. Facility Use Agreement with Vohne Liche Kennels
- B. Vohne Liche Kennels Liability Insurance