

**RESOLUTION NO. 5193**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS FIRE DEPARTMENT (FFD) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS (ATF), AND EXPLOSIVES NATIONAL CANINE DIVISION'S (NCD) CANINE PROGRAM APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, the ATF Canine Program will purchase and train a canine for the use of the Fairbanks Fire Department in explosive and accelerant detection as well as train an FFD designated handler; and

**WHEREAS**, during the initial training and certification, the ATF will provide lodging for the canine and handler; and

**WHEREAS**, the ATF will provide ongoing technical oversight during the 5-year program commitment period that requires annual recertification of the canine; and

**WHEREAS**, the FFD will provide all food for the canine during its working life, cover all veterinary and emergency care expenses during the canine's working life, purchase training equipment for the canine, provide a climate-controlled vehicle for the canine and handler, and provide travel accommodation for initial and annual recertification training; and

**WHEREAS**, the FFD will be required to make the handler and canine available for ATF investigations and other callouts and work at least 50 fire scenes each year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council that the Mayor or their designee is authorized to execute any and all documents required for participating in the the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms (ATF), and Explosives National Canine Division's (NCD) Canine grant application program.

**PASSED and APPROVED this 24th Day of November 2025.**

  
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**Mindy O'Neill, City Mayor**

AYES: Therrien, Tidwell  
NAYS: Marney, Sprinkle, Cleworth, Ringstad  
ABSENT: None  
FAILED: November 24, 2025

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

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Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

**CITY OF FAIRBANKS**  
**FISCAL NOTE**

**I. REQUEST:**

Ordinance or Resolution No: 5193

Abbreviated Title: ATF Canine Program

Department(s): Fire

Does the adoption of this ordinance or resolution authorize:

1) additional costs beyond the current adopted budget? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

2) additional support or maintenance costs? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

If yes, what is the estimate? see below

3) additional positions beyond the current adopted budget? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

If yes, how many positions? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, type of positions? \_\_\_\_\_ (F - Full Time, P - Part Time, T - Temporary)

**II. FINANCIAL DETAIL:**

PROJECTS:	Travel	Personnel	Other Costs	Total
Training (Initial Only)	\$5,000			\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>			<b>\$5,000</b>

FUNDING SOURCE:	Travel	Personnel	Other Costs	Total
General Fund (Fire)	\$5,000			\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>			<b>\$5,000</b>

The initial costs include travel for the handler to get to the designated canine training center in Virginia. After the ATF's purchase of the canine and provided training, FFD estimates its yearly cost for the canine to be approximately \$10,000-\$15,000 to be incorporated into the annual budget. This amount will include food, vet care, and travel costs for certification and any required travel for ATF investigations or call outs. FFD estimates \$30,000-\$40,000 in costs to retrofit the vehicle for the canine and handler.

Reviewed by Finance Department:

Initial sf

Date 11/18/2025