

Introduced by: Mayor O'Neall
Date: November 24, 2025

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'Neall, City Mayor

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

ATTEST:

D. Danyelle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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
TOTAL	\$5,000			\$5,000

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

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