

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-164**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP  
COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN AND STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT  
OF K9 TRACKER AND RELINQUISHING ALL  
RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SAID K9**

**WHEREAS**, K9 Tracker, effective May 1, 2025, is deemed no longer viable to work as a Police K9 within Barnegat Township; and

**WHEREAS**, Tracker has been assigned to Detective Stephen Russoniello and cannot be reassigned for safety reasons; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township's practice has been to retire K9's to their handler and training officer.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2025 by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The K9 Tracker assigned to Detective Stephen Russoniello will be retired effective May 1, 2025 with Detective Russoniello and placed with Detective Russoniello and his family. The Township of Barnegat relinquishes all rights and responsibilities for K9 Tracker and a transfer of K9 of ownership hereby authorized to Stephen Russoniello.

2. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following:

- (a) Alfonso Cirulli, Mayor
- (b) Martin Lisella, Township Administrator
- (c) Jason Carroll, Chief of Police
- (d) Detective Stephen Russoniello

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the forgoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Barnegat at a meeting held on April 1 2025, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.

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Donna M. Manno, RMC  
Municipal Clerk