

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2015**

**HOUSE BILL 199
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH AND THE CITIES AND TOWNS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY TO ALLOW THE CITY TO DONATE RETIRED ANIMALS USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR ANY OTHER CITY AGENCY TO THE POLICE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE WHO HAD NORMAL CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF THE ANIMAL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 33(c) of the Charter of the City of Raleigh, being Chapter 1184 of the 1949 Session Laws, as amended by S.L. 1991-312, S.L. 1993-649, S.L. 1995-323, and S.L. 2005-157, reads as rewritten:

"(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this ~~section, nothing~~ section:

- (1) Nothing herein shall be construed as preventing any official or employee covered by this section from purchasing a utility service offered to the general public at uniform rates, sludge generated at a wastewater treatment plant, farm products grown on City-owned or City-leased farms, and mulch produced at the City's yard waste processing center.
- (2) In addition to the transactions authorized in this section, the City may sell items of personal uniforms and equipment, excluding weapons, to public safety employees upon their separation from the City's employment. The items may be sold by private sale at the prices and under the terms and conditions that the City Council may establish by resolution.
- (3) When any horse, dog, or other animal used by the Police Department or any other City agency is deemed no longer fit for public service, the City Council may donate the animal to the officer or employee who had normal custody and control of the animal during its service to the City."

SECTION 2.(a) The governing body of a municipality may donate any horse, dog, or other animal used by the municipality's police department or any other municipal agency to the officer or employee who had normal custody and control of the animal during its service to the municipality when the animal is deemed no longer fit for public service.

SECTION 2.(b) This section applies only to the municipalities in Mecklenburg County.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 4th day of August, 2015.

s/ Daniel J. Forest
President of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

