

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01**

**AN ORDINANCE RETROACTIVELY CONFIRMING AND ESTABLISHING  
COMPENSATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF PERRY POLICE DEPARTMENT CANINE  
HANDLER, AMENDING ORDINANCE 01-2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry has a long-established practice of compensating the Police Department Canine Handler; and

**WHEREAS**, the specific provisions for said compensation were inadvertently omitted from Ordinance 01-2023 due to a clerical error; and

**WHEREAS**, the Auditor has recommended that the Village formally correct this omission to properly align municipal legislation with payroll practices; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of Perry Village, County of Lake and State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That the Village of Perry has a long-established practice of compensating the Police Department Canine Handler (formerly Lt. Collins, currently Acting Chief Collins) for six and one-half (6.5) hours per pay period at his current rate of pay for the continuous care and maintenance of the police canine.

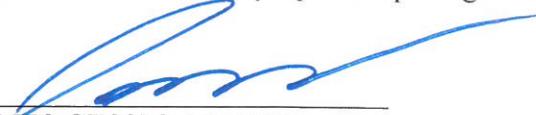
**SECTION 2.** That the provisions for said compensation were inadvertently omitted from Ordinance 01-2023 due to a clerical error, and are hereby retroactively confirmed and established effective February 12, 2023, for the fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025.

**SECTION 3.** That any existing legislation or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** That the actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including ORC 121.22.

**SECTION 5.** That this Ordinance constitutes an emergency measure in that the same provides for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Perry and, further, provides for the immediate compliance of the Village with the Ohio Revised Code and shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

  
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JAMES GESSIC, MAYOR

ADOPTED: March 12, 2026

ATTEST: John H. Roskos  
JOHN H. ROSKOS, FISCAL OFFICER