

**CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
ORDINANCE NO. 3611**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING POLICE SERGEANT JOHN SIMON’S ACTIVE DUTY  
FIREARM AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND PROVIDING THE FIREARM AS A GIFT  
TO SERGEANT SIMON IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OUTSTANDING DEDICATION  
TO SERVICE AND LONGTIME COMMITMENT TO SAFETY IN THE CITY OF  
COLUMBIA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbia (“City”), Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois is a duly created, organized and validly existing municipality of the State of Illinois under the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois, including particularly the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, Police Sergeant John Simon has served the City of Columbia as a law enforcement officer for 26 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to recognize Sergeant Simon for his outstanding dedication to service and longtime committee to the safety of the community for the past 26 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 11-76-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-76-4) authorizes the City to transfer personal property owned by the City when the Corporate Authorities believe that the property is no longer necessary or useful to, or for the best interests of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City currently owns a Glock 22 firearm, with the serial number BECV291 (“Property”), used by Sergeant Simon during his tenure as a Police Officer of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of Sergeant Simon’s retirement, the Property is no longer necessary or useful to, or for the best interests of, the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities desire to declare the Property to be surplus property and gift the Property as a token of gratitude to Sergeant Simon for his longtime service with the City of Columbia.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, as follows:

**Section 1.** The preceding recitations in the upper part of this Ordinance are realleged, restated and adopted as paragraph one (“1”) of this Ordinance.

**Section 2.** The Property, no longer necessary or useful to the City, shall be declared surplus property.

**Section 3.** That the Corporate Authorities authorize the City to gift the Property to Police Sergeant John Simon for his longtime dedication to protecting and serving the City of Columbia.

**Section 4.** The City Administrator, or his designee, shall ensure the transfer of Property from the City to Sergeant Simon is done in accordance with applicable law.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall take full force and effect immediately upon passage by the Corporate Authorities.

**PASSED** by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois and deposited and filed in the office of the City Clerk on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, the vote being taken by ayes and noes and entered upon the legislative record as follows:

AYES: Aldermen Niemietz, Roessler, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Alderman Huch.

APPROVED:

  
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BOB HILL, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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ANDREW HITZEMANN, City Clerk

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