



## **SERVICE ANIMAL NOTICE**

Service animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, are dogs or miniature horses that have been trained to help an individual with a specific documented disability.

A service animal must be under the control of its handler. Under the ADA, service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless the individual's disability prevents using these devices or these devices interfere with the service animal's safe, effective performance of tasks. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls.

A service animal can be removed by a City official if:

- the animal is not housebroken; or
- the animal is out of control, and the handler fails to control the animal

Emotional support, comfort, or companion animals are NOT considered service animals.

Please do not allow the public to approach or pet your service animal.

Texas Human Resources Code, Section 121.005 states that handlers can be held liable for damage to property or injuries to persons.

Texas Human Resources Code, Section 121.006 states that it is a violation for any person to misrepresent that a dog is a specially trained service animal when training has not been provided.

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