

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 27, SECTION 9-27.2, ENTITLED "REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE ANIMALS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY" OF THE POLICIES OF THE SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD – FIRST READING

BE IT ORDAINED, by the School Board of the City of Suffolk, Virginia that Chapter 9, Article 27, Section 9-27.2, entitled "Requirements for Service Animals on School Property" of the Policies of the Suffolk City School Board, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 9-27.2. Requirements for Service Animals on School Property. — ~~A person who wants to be accompanied by the person's service animal on school property must do the following: (1) make a prior written request of the school's principal if the person wants to be accompanied by the service animal at school. If a person wants to be accompanied by a service animal at any other school location, the request should be made to the superintendent. A request must indicate the scope of permission sought, including the time period and the location(s) at which the service animal will be present. Requests may be granted for a period of time up to one school year. Requests must be renewed each school year. These~~ A person who wants to be accompanied by the person's service animal on school property requests must be renewed each school year; **(1)** ~~(2)~~ have the service animal immunized against diseases common to that type of animal; **(2)** ~~(3)~~ ensure that the service animal is in good health. ~~The owner or handler of the animal must submit to the school principal or superintendent each school year, as appropriate based on the location for which the animal's presence is requested, documentation from a licensed veterinarian showing proof of the service animal's current vaccinations and immunizations; and (4)~~ **(3)** maintain control of the service animal at all times. The service animal must have a harness, backpack, vest identifying the service animal as a trained service animal, leash (blaze orange in color for hearing dogs), or other tether unless either the handler is unable because of a disability to use a harness, backpack, vest, leash, or other tether, or the use of a harness, backpack, vest, leash, or other tether would interfere with the service animal's safe, effective performance of work or tasks, in which case the service animal must be otherwise under the handler's control. (Adopted March 10, 2016; Ordinance Number 15/16-5; Effective Date: March 10, 2016; Revised February 14, 2019; Ordinance Number 18/19-66; Effective Date: February 14, 2019)

Legal Authority – Virginia Code §22.1-78 (1950), as amended; 28 C.F.R. § 35.136. 104, 35.136

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, subsections, sections and chapters of the School Board's Policy Manual not amended or repealed shall remain in full force and effect.

FIRST READING: _____

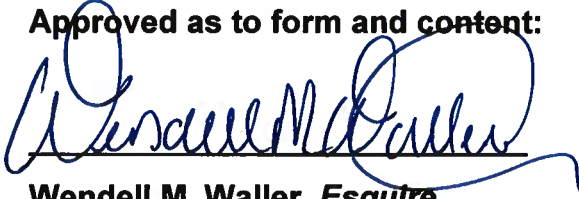
SECOND READING: _____

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TESTE: _____

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Approved as to form and content:

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