



Service Dog Policy at Harrisonville Community Center

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the use of service dogs at the Harrisonville Community Center. The center recognizes the importance of service dogs as an accommodation for individuals with disabilities and seeks to ensure that individuals with disabilities are provided equal access to the facility.

Definitions:

For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:

1. **Service Dog:** A dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability.
2. **Handler:** An individual with a disability who uses a service dog.

Policy:

1. Service dogs are permitted in all areas of the Harrisonville Community Center where the public is allowed to go, including but not limited to the lobby, hallways, and program areas.
2. Service dogs must be under the control of their handlers at all times. Handlers are responsible for the care and supervision of their service dogs, including cleaning up after the dog and ensuring that the dog is not disruptive to other individuals using the facility.
3. Service dogs must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the service dog's work or the handler's disability prevents them from using these devices. In that case, the handler must maintain control of the dog through voice, signal, or other effective means.
4. Staff may ask the handler if the dog is a service dog required because of a disability and what work or task the dog has been trained to perform. Staff may not ask about the handler's disability, require medical documentation, require a special identification card or training documentation for the dog, or ask that the dog demonstrate its ability to perform the work or task.
5. If a service dog is not under the control of its handler or is disruptive to other individuals using the facility, staff may ask the handler to remove the dog from the premises. If the handler refuses to remove the dog, staff may call local authorities to assist.
6. The Harrisonville Community Center is not responsible for the care or supervision of a service dog.
7. The Harrisonville Community Center reserves the right to modify or amend this policy at any time.

Adoption and Implementation:

This policy shall take effect immediately upon adoption. The Harrisonville Community Center staff and board of directors shall comply with and enforce this policy.