

**ORDINANCE No. 24-2010**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO AMENDING CHAPTER 91 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS"**

WHEREAS, Chapter 91 of the Municipal Code of City of Valparaiso regulates animals within the City; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 91 of the Municipal Code needs to be amended to better define service animals and their use within the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana that certain sections of Chapter 91 of the Municipal Code of the City of Valparaiso shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 91.02 shall be amended as follows:

**91.02 DEFINITIONS**

**Delete definition for Service Dogs and insert:**

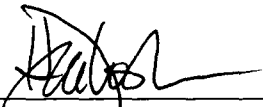
Service Animal. Any dog or other common domestic animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of individuals with disabilities, including psychiatric, cognitive, and mental disabilities. The term service animal does not include wild animals (including nonhuman primates born in captivity), reptiles, rabbits, farm animals (including any breed of horse, miniature horse, pony, pig, or goat), ferrets, amphibians, and rodents. Animals whose sole function is to provide emotional support, comfort, therapy, companionship, therapeutic benefits, or to promote emotional well-being are not service animals.

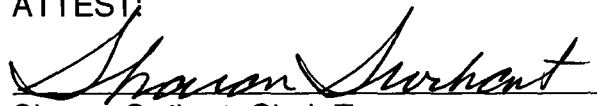
Section 91.16 shall be amended as follows:

**91.16 EXCLUSION OF SERVICE ANIMALS PROHIBITED.**

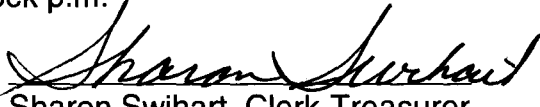
No person owning, operating, or maintaining any public place of business to which the general public is invited for any business purpose shall exclude therefrom any service animal that has been trained to assist individuals with disabilities. However, such animal must be in the company of the disabled individual for whom it was trained to assist or in the company of a licensed obedience service trainer.

**PASSED** by the Common Council of the city of Valparaiso, Indiana, by a 7-0 vote of all members present and voting this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.

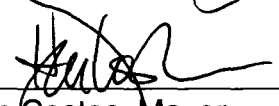
  
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Jon Costas, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, this 26<sup>th</sup>  
day of July, 2010 at 7:25 o'clock p.m.

  
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Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer

This Ordinance approved and signed by me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July,  
2010, at 7:25 o'clock p.m.

  
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Jon Costas, Mayor