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POLICY #07-2019 Animals in Public Buildings

Purpose: The Town of Townsend is responsible for assuring the health and safety of all employees and customers who either work in or visit our municipal buildings. Animals may pose a threat or may cause allergic reactions. Some individuals may also be distracted by the presence of animals, particularly dogs.

Policy: The Town of Townsend does not permit employees or visitors to bring animals into municipal buildings.

"Therapy" or "Comfort" animals are likewise prohibited, except for occasional department sponsored programs.

An employee or a visitor who requires the help of a service animal (as defined by 28 CFR 36.104 as "any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability") will be permitted to bring a service animal into a municipal building, provided that the animal's presence does not create a danger to others and does not impose an undue hardship upon the town's employees or operations.

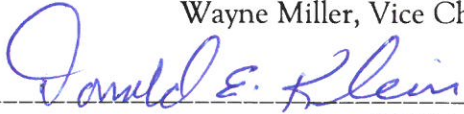
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Acknowledgement of Receipt of Policy

I acknowledge receipt of Policy 07-2019 Animals in Public Buildings. Having read said policy, I understand and agree to its terms.

Name (Print)

Signature

Date