

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 938**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SERIES**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9.21, ANIMAL CONTROL AND LICENSES,  
OF THE ALEXANDRIA CITY CODE**

The City Council of the City of Alexandria does hereby ORDAIN:

**SECTION I.** That Section 9.21 is amended as follows:

Subd. 1, Definitions:

G. Service Animal: Any dog that has been trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other disability.

Subd. 4, **Running at Large Prohibited.** It is unlawful for any person who is the owner, or other person harboring or keeping an animal to permit such animal to run at large; provided that an animal shall not be deemed to be running at large if it is on a leash or otherwise under the effective control of an accompanying person. An animal left in the care of a minor shall be deemed to be harbored or kept by the minor's parent or legal guardian.

Subd. 5, **Obligation to Prevent Nuisances.** It shall be the obligation and responsibility of the owner or adult custodian of any animal in the City, whether permanently or temporarily therein, to prevent such animal from committing any act which constitutes a nuisance. It shall be considered a nuisance for any animal to bark, howl, or cry for a period of longer than fifteen minutes, to frequent school grounds, parks, or public beaches, to habitually attack other domestic animals, to chase vehicles, to molest or annoy any person if such person is not on the property of the owner or custodian of such animal, to excrete on property other than the owners, or to molest, defile, or destroy any property, public, or private. Failure on the part of the owner or custodian to prevent this animal from committing an act of nuisance shall be subject to the penalty hereinafter provided.

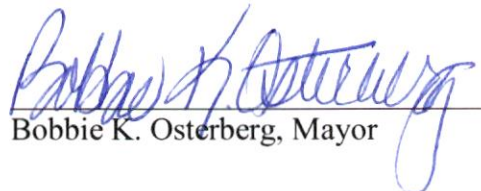
**SECTION II.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Alexandria on this 27th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

YES: FRANZEN, THALMAN, ALLEN, MACE, KVALE

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

  
Bobbie K. Osterberg, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Martin D. Schultz, City Administrator