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Resident Request for Assistance Animal

Legal Liability Disclaimer

- *Texas Human Resources Code*
 - ◆ *Section 121.066 – Improper use of an assistance animal and service animal*
 - *A person commits an offense if the person intentionally or knowingly represents that an animal is an assistance animal or a service animal when the animal is not specially trained or equipped to help a person with a disability. An offense under this subsection is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and 30 hours of community service.*
- *US Department of Justice*
 - ◆ *Americans with Disabilities Act for Title III, 28 C.F.R. Section 35.104*
 - *Only Dogs are recognized as service animals*
 - *Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as a service animal under the ADA*

Disability Definition:

- a. 'Disability' means, with respect to a person:
 - i. Having a physical or mental impairment which substantially one or more of such person's major life activities
 - ii. Having a record of such impairment
 - iii. Being regarded as having such an impairment, but such term does not include current, illegal use of or addiction to a controlled substance.

Service Animal Definition: Pursuant to the definition above, I do qualify as an individual with a disability

- a. A service animal is a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability.
 - i. Examples of such work or tasks include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting and protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person with a mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming a person with PTSD during an anxiety attack, or performing other duties.
 - ii. Service animals are working animals, not pets.
 - iii. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability.

Is the Dog a service animal required because of a disability? _____

What work or task has the dog been trained to perform? _____

1. Request: I do hereby request that I be able to reside with an assistance animal at the premise below. I certify that the statements herein are true. I agree the only animal I will keep for this purpose is listed therein and that I will abide by the rules and regulations of the community regarding animals. I understand that I will not have to pay a deposit or fees for the assistance animal but will be responsible for any damage caused. I request that my professional provide verification of the required information to my housing provider to assist in making this determination.

Applied for Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant Name (printed)

Applicant Signature

Date