

# Juneau County Board of Supervisors

Courthouse, 220 East State Street  
Mauston, Wisconsin 53948



**ORDINANCE No. 22 – 02**

**DATE: June 21, 2022**

**INTRODUCED BY: Executive Committee**

**SYNOPSIS: An Ordinance Creating Section 4.48 of the Juneau County Code of Ordinances regarding regulation of animals in County buildings and facilities.**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to regulate the presence of animals in County buildings and facilities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does ordain that:

Section 4.48 of the Juneau County Code of Ordinances is hereby created to read as follows:

**“Sec. 4-48**

“(a) To provide a safe and healthy work environment for all employees, consumers, and visitors, all animals are prohibited from Juneau County buildings with the exception of authorized service animals.

“(b) While animals can have benefit in bolstering mental health or assisting with a disability, for the safety and well-being of all our consumers, citizens and staff, only bona fide, trained and certified service animals, or ones being properly trained and used for the benefit of one with a disability, are allowed in county buildings, as provided in Wis. Stats. § 106.52. “Emotional support” animals, as well as other pets, do not qualify as service animals.

“(c) County staff are prohibited from asking an individual what their disability is and from asking for documentation that proves the animal has been trained to be a service animal. If the individual’s disability is not readily apparent, staff are permitted to ask if the animal is a “service animal” and what tasks the animal performs for the individual.

“(1) If an individual indicates that the animal is an emotional support animal, staff should inform them of Juneau County’s Animal Policy.

“(2) If an individual states he or she is a “service animal trainer,” then it is permissible to require them to produce verification.

“(3) At times, Juneau County staff or volunteers may transport consumers along with their service animals, emotional support animals, and/or pets. In these situations, for the safety of everyone in the vehicle, including the animals’ safety, all animals are required to be transported in a mobile kennel placed in the back of the vehicle.

“(4) All individuals entering county buildings and all consumers who are receiving home based services/home visitations are expected to restrain all animals using a harness, leash or other tether. If this is not possible, the service animal must be removed from the county building or the animal must be removed from the area while Juneau County staff/contracted staff/vendors are in the home.

“(d) A handler may be asked to leave with the animal. if the animal is being disruptive or if the animal’s behavior poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others. Handlers with animals may also be asked to leave if they are unclean and/or unsanitary.

“(e) This policy does not apply to Law Enforcement canines.”

**INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON JUNE 21, 2022.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

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Timothy J. Cottingham, Chairperson

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James Parrett

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Howard Fischer

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Juneau County on June 21, 2022.

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Terri L. Treptow, Juneau County Clerk