CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 17-080

To Amend By-law 12-031, a By-law for Responsible Animal Ownership in the City of Hamilton

WHEREAS Council enacted By-law 12-031, being a By-law for Responsible Animal Ownership in the City of Hamilton; and

WHEREAS this By-law amends sections 1.1 and 4.9 of By-law 12-031 with respect to service animals;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. The “service animal” definition in section 1.1 is deleted and replaced with the following new definition:

   “service animal” means an animal that:

   (a) (i) is being trained by a recognized organization for service as a guide animal for the visually or hearing impaired or a special skills animal for other disabled persons; and

   (ii) is performing the training for the service; or

   (b) (i) has successfully completed training by a recognized organization for service as a guide animal for the visually or hearing impaired or a special skills animal for other disabled persons; and

   (ii) is performing the service for which it was trained.

2. Section 4.9 is deleted and replaced with the following new section 4.9:

   4.9 Despite any other provision under this By-law, no owner, upon the owner providing proof satisfactory to the Poundkeeper, shall pay the fee for:

   (a) up to two consecutive licences (being a maximum period of two consecutive years) for a dog that is a service animal as defined under subsection (a) of the “service animal” definition;

   (b) a licence issued for a dog that is a service animal as defined under subsection (b) of the “service animal” definition or for a police animal.
3. This By-law comes into force on the date of its passing.

**PASSED** this 10th day of May, 2017.

F. Eisenberger  
Mayor  

R. Caterini  
City Clerk