



Auburn Animal Licensing Eligibility Form for Service Animal Fee Exemption

License tag # _____

I am applying for the city to waive its license fee because my animal is a service animal. I have provided the following answers as sworn statements made under oath, and declare them to be true under penalty of perjury. I acknowledge that false statements made on this form may be punishable under **RCW 9A.72.040**.

RCW 49.60.040 defines a “dog guide” and a “service animal” as follows:

“**Dog guide**” means a dog that is trained for the purpose of guiding blind persons or a dog that is trained for the purpose of assisting hearing impaired persons.

“**Service animal**” means an animal that is trained for the purpose of assisting or accommodating a sensory, mental, or physical disability of a person with a disability.

For an animal to be a service animal, the applicant’s answer to question 4 must describe training other than the ordinary training a pet would receive (e.g. sit, come, lay down). Some examples of legitimate service animal training under the state law definition are:

- To be aware that its owner is about to have a seizure, and warn the owner, or lead the owner to safety;
- To put itself between the owner and others to preserve an open area around the owner in order to help her control her anxiety;
- To remind owner to take medicine;
- To remove a disoriented individual from a dangerous or high-anxiety situation;
- To recognize an anxiety attack, come to the person, and comfort them.
- To provide safety checks or room searches for individuals with PTSD

If the applicant provides a physician’s certification, the certification must be signed and dated and include the physician’s name, address and phone number. Information included in the physician’s certification must provide answers to address questions 1, 3 and 4.

Under **RCW 49.60.040 (25)**, the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not constitute work or tasks.

If the applicant has answered “no” to any of the questions 1, 2, and 3, the City may deny your request for the Service Animal Fee Exemption. If it is unclear whether an animal meets the service animal definition, the City may temporarily hold your request pending guidance from the Legal Department.



This application should be completed by the disabled individual, although it may be completed by a parent/guardian on behalf of a minor.

Please provide or check the correct answer:

1. Are you disabled? Yes No
2. Have you completed the city’s “Eligibility Form for Disabled Persons”? Yes No
3. Has your animal been specially trained to assist you with your disability or to accommodate your disability? Yes No
Has your animal completed this training? Yes No
4. What has your animal been trained to do that assists you with your disability or accommodates your disability? If you do not desire to reference your disability in your answer, you may instead use “medical condition” in answering this question (for example, “my animal is trained to alert me when a medical condition is about to occur”.)

5. Is your animal always with you, even when you leave your house? Yes No Do you take the animal on trips? Yes No Does anyone else ever take the animal out of the house without you along? Yes No

The fee waiver is valid for one year. The City of Auburn reserves the right to request completion of this form annually.

I declare under oath that the above answers and statements are true and correct under penalty of perjury.

Printed Name

Address

Signature

Date