THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GUELPH

By-law Number (2018)-20300

A by-law to amend By-law Number (1995)-14864, as amended, known as the Zoning By-law for the City of Guelph to address Service Animals (File# ZC1803).

WHEREAS Section 34(1) of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact Zoning By-laws;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GUELPH ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. By-law Number (1995)-14864, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding a new Section, Section 2.13:

   2.13 ***Service Animals***

   a) Nothing in this by-law shall apply to prohibit the keeping of a ***Service Animal*** on residential properties.

   b) For the purposes of this Section, the following definition shall apply:

   Service Animal as defined by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. An animal is a ***Service Animal*** for a person with a disability if:

   (a) it is readily apparent that the animal is used by the person for reasons relating to his or her disability; or,

   (b) the person provides a letter from a physician or nurse confirming that the person requires the animal for reasons relating to the disability.

2. Where notice of this By-law is given in accordance with the Planning Act, and where no notice of objection has been filed within the time prescribed by the regulations, this By-law shall come into effect. Notwithstanding the above, where notice of objection has been filed within the time prescribed by the regulations, no part of this By-law shall come into effect until all of such appeals have been finally disposed of by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

PASSED this NINTH day of JULY, 2018.

CAM GUTHRIE - MAYOR

DYLAN MCMAHON – DEPUTY CLERK

EXPLANATION OF PURPOSE AND EFFECT FOR BY-LAW NUMBER (2018)-20300

By-law Number (2018)-20300 has the following purpose and effect:

The purpose of the City-initiated Zoning By-law amendment is to add a new section to the Zoning By-law under Section 2 - Interpretation and Administration that would permit a service animal on residential properties. For the purpose of interpretation and administration, the following definition would apply:

Service Animal as defined by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. An animal is a service animal for a person with a disability if:

(a) it is readily apparent that the animal is used by the person for reasons relating to his or her disability; or,

(b) the person provides a letter from a physician or nurse confirming that the person requires the animal for reasons relating to the disability.

The City-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment was considered by Guelph City Council at a Public Meeting held on May 14, 2018 and a Decision Report was presented to Council on July 9, 2018 (File #ZC1803).

Further information may be obtained by contacting Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise at 519-837-5616, extension 3313, City Hall, Guelph, Ontario.

Persons desiring to officially support or object to this Zoning By-law Amendment must file their support or objection with the City Clerk, City Hall, Guelph, as outlined on the page entitled "Notice of Passing".