



A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, ESTABLISHING A POLICY REGARDING ANIMALS IN COUNTY-OWNED AND COUNTY-OPERATED BUILDINGS; PROHIBITING NON-SERVICE ANIMALS; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS FOR SERVICE ANIMALS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County, Oklahoma ("Board"), is responsible for the management and control of county-owned and county-operated property; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to promote public health, safety, sanitation, and the orderly operation of county facilities; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma law, including Title 4, § 4-801, permits public facilities to regulate or prohibit animals within buildings while requiring access for service animals; and

WHEREAS, the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** requires that individuals with disabilities be permitted to be accompanied by service animals in areas open to the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Resolution:

1. **"Service Animal"** means a dog (or other animal as may be recognized under applicable law) that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, consistent with state and federal law.
2. **"Non-Service Animal"** means any animal that does not meet the definition of a Service Animal, including but not limited to emotional support animals, comfort animals, or therapy animals.

SECTION 2. PROHIBITION OF NON-SERVICE ANIMALS

This Resolution shall become effective on the 6th day of April, 2026.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County, Oklahoma, this 6th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Delaware County, Oklahoma



Chairman

Member



Member

ATTEST:



County Clerk





**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DELAWARE COUNTY**

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MOTION MADE BY Beck SECONDED BY Poindexter

TO SIGN RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICY REGARDING ANIMALS IN COUNTY OWNED AND OPERATED BUILDINGS.

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MOTION CARRIED.

WITNESS OUR HANDS THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

David Poindexter
DAVID POINDEXTER, CHAIRMAN

JAKE CALLIHAN, MEMBER

David Beck
DAVID BECK, MEMBER

ATTEST: Barbara Barnes
BARBARA BARNES- COUNTY CLERK

