

ORDINANCE NO.: 5360

AN ORDINANCE to create Chapter 6, Article I, Section 20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding harassment of service animals.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Section 6-20 is created to read as follows:

Sec. 6-20. Harassment of Service Animals

- (a) Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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

- (b) Harassment prohibited. Knowing the victim is a service animal, no person may do or allow his or her animal to do any of the following:
- (1) Obstruct or interfere with the use of a service animal;
 - (2) Jeopardize the safety of the service animal or its user;
 - (3) Injure a service animal; or
 - (4) Deprive another of the use of a service animal without consent.

SECTION II: Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this division shall not be affected.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

_____/s/_____
Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Mayor

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Nikki M. Elsen, City Clerk

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