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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2014 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 2

Bill No. 7 -2014

Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty

AN ACT to clarify when an animal is "at-large" in Howard County; and generally relating to animal control in Howard County.

Introduced and read first time Feb. 3, 2014. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Sheila M. Tolliver
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on Feb. 18, 2014.

By order Sheila M. Tolliver
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on March 5, 2014 and Passed , Passed with amendments , Failed .

By order Sheila M. Tolliver
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 6th day of March, 2014 at 3:00 a.m. (p.m.)

By order Sheila M. Tolliver
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive March 7, 2014

Ken Ulman
Ken Ulman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **Section 1. Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the
2 Howard County Code is amended as follows:

3 By amending:

4 Title 17, Public Protection Services

5 Section 17.300 "Definitions"

6 Subsection (h) "At large"

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Title 17, Public Protection Services.

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Subtitle 3. - Animals.

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11 **SEC. 17.300. Definitions.**

12 Terms in this subtitle have the meanings indicated:

13 (h) At large means:

14 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a domesticated animal
15 is at large when it is:

16 (i) Off the property of its owner (property of the owner does not include
17 any public right-of-way or easement, common area of condominiums or apartments,
18 common access road or walkway, or any area open to the public); and

19 (ii) Not IN A CONTAINER, CARRIER, OR CAGE OR secured by a leash or lead
20 and under the control of a responsible person capable of immediate and effective restraint
21 of the animal.

22 (2) A domesticated animal is not at large when it is:

23 (i) Under the control of a responsible person capable of immediate and
24 effective restraint of the animal and being trained or used in herding, hunting, or tracking;

25 (ii) Being trained in obedience; [[or]]

26 (iii) On park [[land]] PROPERTY, as defined in section 19.201 of the
27 County Code, which has been designated by the Director of [recreation] RECREATION and
28 [parks] PARKS as a facility for animals, provided the owner of the animal complies with
29 the rules of the facility; OR

30 (IV) ON PRIVATE PROPERTY THAT IS ENCLOSED AND POSTED AS A DOG PARK.

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1 *Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County,*
2 *Maryland, that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on March 7, 2014.

Sheila M. Tolliver
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on _____, 2014.

Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on _____, 2014.

Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on _____, 2014.

Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on _____, 2014.

Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on _____, 2014.

Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

