

Regulations for Supplemental License for Permitting Dogs in Designated Outdoor Areas at Retail Food Establishments (4-8-31)

Under the authority of 4-8-031(e) of the Municipal Code of Chicago the department of public health through its board of health promulgates the following regulations for Supplemental License for dog-friendly areas. "Dog-friendly area" means a dining area of a retail food establishment that is located outside, accessible from the street, and includes all sides of any gate, fence or other border demarking the dog-friendly area.

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1. Signage

- a. A sign that clearly indicates the location of the dog-friendly areas of the establishment shall be provided at all ingresses to the outdoor eating area. Each sign shall be prominently displayed, made out of all-weather durable material, shall be at least 8.5" by 11.0" in size and written in at least 14-point font:
- b. A notice in at least 12-point font that clearly indicates the dog-friendly areas of the establishment shall be provided at all times at each table or within each menu.
- c. Each sign and notice as required in sections 2.a. and 2.b. shall include the following minimum information:
 - i. That the restaurant provides a dog-friendly area.
 - ii. That dogs are permitted only in the dog-friendly area and in no other area of the establishment.
 - iii. That all dogs shall bear a current rabies vaccination tag or other proof of current rabies vaccinations.
 - iv. That dogs are not permitted to sit in chairs or on tables.
 - v. That all dogs shall be leashed and kept under control at all times.
 - vi. That dogs may be provided water, but shall not be provided food by either employees of the establishment or by patrons. Establishments may provide water to dogs in disposable or reusable bowls/dishes. If reusable bowls or dishes are used, they must be cleaned and sanitized after each use, and in all cases bowls/dishes used to provide water to dogs shall be maintained,

cleaned, and sanitized separately from cookware and serving-ware/utensils used for humans

vii. Every sign shall include a reference to the ordinance, Municipal Code of Chicago 4-8-031 and that the City's 311 non-emergency number may be called if a patron or employee has a complaint or question regarding the ordinance.

2. Monitoring of Dogs

- a. Only dogs bearing a current rabies vaccination tag or other proof of current rabies vaccinations shall be permitted in the dog-friendly areas [4-8-31(d)(4)]. Dogs without vaccination tags or other proof of rabies vaccinations shall not be permitted in the dog friendly or any other area of the retail food establishment.
- b. Dogs may be provided water, but shall not be provided food by either employees of the establishment or by patrons.
- c. Patrons coming in contact with dogs are strongly encouraged to wash their hands immediately afterwards.
- d. Dogs are not permitted to sit in chairs or on tables.

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed as to disallow service dogs as provided in [7-40-060](#) of the Municipal Code of Chicago.

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