## **City of Cortland Youth Bureau**

## **Service Animal Policy**

Effective: January 1, 2017

SERVICE ANIMALS ARE DEFINED AS DOGS THAT ARE INDIVIDUALLY TRAINED TO DO WORK OR PERFORM TASKS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

UNDER THE ADA, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, BUSINESSES, AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE THE PUBLIC GENERALLY MUST ALLOW SERVICE ANIMALS TO ACCOMPANY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN ALL AREAS OF THE FACILITY WHERE THE PUBLIC IS NORMALLY ALLOWED TO GO.

UNDER THE ADA, SERVICE ANIMALS MUST BE HARNESSED, LEASHED, OR TETHERED, UNLESS THESE DEVICES INTERFERE WITH THE SERVICE ANIMALS WORK OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S DISABILITY PREVENTS USING THESE DEVICES.

## **WICKWIRE POOL & YAMAN BEACH**

SERVICE DOGS ARE ALLOWED ON THE POOL DECK AND THE BEACH AREA WHERE THE PUBLIC IS ALLOWED.

THE ADA DOES NOT OVERRIDE PUBLIC HEALTH RULES THAT PROHIBIT DOGS IN SWIMMING POOLS. THEREFORE, SERVICE DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE WATER PER NYS HEALTH CODE.