

Bill No. 21-17
Concerning: Animal Control – Municipal
Dog Exercise Area
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Ch. _____, Laws of Mont. Co. _____

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Katz
Co-Sponsors: Council President Berliner and Councilmembers Rice and Elrich

AN ACT to:

- (1) allow a dog to be off leash if it is in an area that a municipality has identified as a dog exercise area;
- (2) amend the definition of at-large animals; and
- (3) generally amend the County's animal control law.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 5, Animal Control
Section 5-101

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 **Sec. 1. Section 5-101 is amended as follows:**

2 **5-101. Definitions.**

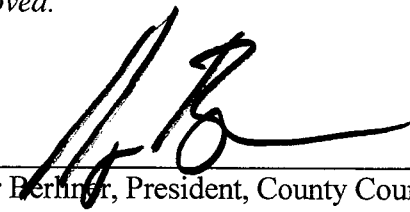
3 In this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

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5 *At large:* A dog, except a service animal, is at large if it is outside the owner's
6 premises and not leashed, unless it is in a dog exercise area designated by either
7 the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, or a
8 municipality, or is participating in a qualified activity. Any other animal is at
9 large if it is outside the owner's premises and is not leashed or immediately
10 responsive to verbal or non-verbal direction. For purposes of this Chapter or
11 any other animal control law, the common area of a homeowners' association,
12 condominium, or cooperative is not the owner's premises.

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Approved:



Roger Berlin, President, County Council

7/26/17

Date

Approved:

Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Date