

Intro. Res. No. 1517-2017  
Introduced by Legislators Calarco and Muratore

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**RESOLUTION NO. 658 -2017, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW  
NO. 19 -2017, A LOCAL LAW TO CLARIFY PET GROOMER  
TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, there was duly presented and introduced to this County Legislature at a meeting held on June 6, 2017, a proposed local law entitled, "**A LOCAL LAW TO CLARIFY PET GROOMER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**"; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that said local law be enacted in form as follows:

**LOCAL LAW NO. 19 -2017, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**A LOCAL LAW TO CLARIFY PET GROOMER TRAINING  
REQUIREMENTS**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF  
SUFFOLK**, as follows:

**Section 1. Legislative Intent.**

This Legislature hereby finds and determines that Local Law No. 16-2016 requires pet groomers to register with the County and to follow common sense care and safety regulations when providing their services.

This Legislature further finds that Local Law No. 16-2016 also sets forth registration requirements, which include a training/educational component.

This Legislature also finds and determines that courses in pet grooming offered by reputable institutions, groups or schools offer thorough training, instruction and educational experiences to aspiring pet groomers.

This Legislature further finds that the Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs should be expressly empowered to determine whether a pet grooming course is sufficient to satisfy the County's training requirements.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to clarify the provisions of Local Law No. 16-2016 to allow a course in pet grooming approved by the Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs to satisfy the training component necessary for a pet groomer to register with the County.

**Section 2. Amendments.**

Chapter 299 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE is hereby amended as follows:

**CHAPTER 299  
ANIMALS**

**Article IX. Pet Grooming Businesses**

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**§ 299-69. Pet groomer registration; fee.**

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- B. Each registrant must provide the following information and appropriate documentation to the Department.
1. Proof of age.
  2. Documents demonstrating that the applicant has [either]:
    - (a) Received training in the field of pet grooming for at least 150 hours [, either] as an apprentice [or from a school or institution that provides instruction in pet grooming]; or
    - (b) Continually operated a business providing pet grooming services or has been employed as a pet groomer for a period of at least one year prior to the effective date of this article[.]; or
    - (c) Completed a course in pet grooming that has been approved by the Department.

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**Section 3. Rules and Regulations.**

The Commissioner of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs is hereby authorized and empowered to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this law.

**Section 4. Enforcement.**

This law shall be enforced by the Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs.

**Section 5. Applicability.**

This article shall apply to all pet grooming businesses operating in Suffolk County on or after the effective date of this law.

**Section 6. Severability.**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm,

partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

**Section 7. SEQRA Determination.**

This Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this law constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21), and/or (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection. The Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this law.

**Section 8. Effective Date.**

This law shall take effect on the ninetieth (90th) day immediately subsequent to filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

[ ] Brackets denote deletion of existing language  
\_\_\_ Underlining denotes addition of new language

DATED: July 25, 2017

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: August 18, 2017

After a public hearing duly held on August 8, 2017  
Filed with the Secretary of State on September 18, 2017