



Loudoun County Ordinance regarding Unleashed Dogs:

612.13 RUNNING AT LARGE.

No dog shall be off the property of its owner or custodian without being on a leash. The owner or custodian must have physical control of the dog while it is leashed. Any dog found to be off leash and not on the property of its owner or custodian will be considered running at large, and in violation of this section. When in a securely fenced, specifically designated dog park or dog exercise area established by a homeowner's association, community organization, or governmental agency, a dog may be off leash while under the immediate supervision of its owner or custodian. Any fence enclosing such an area must be designed to prevent escape. This section shall not apply to any person who uses a dog under his/her direct supervision while lawfully hunting, or while engaged in a supervised formal obedience training class, or if the dog is a service animal whose handler, because of a disability, is unable to use a harness, leash, or other tether, or the use of such device would interfere with the service dog's safe and effective performance of work or tasks, provided that the service dog is otherwise under the handler's control through voice control, signals or other effective means or to any person with a dog under immediate control within any unincorporated area of the County zoned at a density of fewer than two housing units per acre.

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