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Subject: Written Comments concerning Docket TC-161262 re: Modifications to WAC 480-30.

Dear Mr. King,

Thank you for your letter of February 27, 2017. We at BKA, Inc. appreciate your help in assisting the Auto Transportation Company operators to identify and validate those individuals who claim to be traveling with Service Animals. Enclosure is an example of the kind of situations we could possibly encounter on our vans and busses. Imagine trying to seat a Service Animal horse? We recently carried a woman with a pet hamster concealed in her jacket and claiming it to be a Service Animal!

Further, we intend to include in our advertising brochure and web page the following notes:

- 1) Instructions for all reserved passengers to advise if they suffer severe allergies to animals when making their reservation.
- 2) Instructions for all passengers making reservations to notify in advance whether they are traveling with service animals and the size of their animal. We will avoid taking reservations for those who will place our busses in an overload position. We do not intend to deny a paying customer a seat on our busses.
- 3) The designation "Disabled" seating on each bus, (one row of two seats) with sufficient leg room for the customer and space for a lying animal.

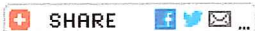
It would be very helpful for all concerned if ADA officials would clearly define the distinction of a Service Animal, Comfort Animal or family pet. Besides charges applicable for all animals other than authorized Service Animals, there is the matter of kenneling and climate control of the animal in our vehicles.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Asche

1 Enclosure



### City bans man's horse

### Service animal aids on walks

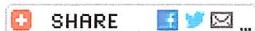
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BENTON CITY Federal officials are investigating after a city banned a small horse a man says is his service animal needed on walks to improve his health. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development tells KING-TV that it is investigating Benton City's actions as a possible fair housing violation. Tim Fulton said that his horse, Fred, senses when Fulton is about to fall, gets in front and lets Fulton lean on him for support.

"I fall down from time to time," Fulton said. "It's really a pain." Fulton said Fred is slightly taller than a large dog but much stronger and able to give Fulton the stability he needs.

But Benton City officials say Fred isn't allowed in a residential zone and has issued Fulton a \$100 fine. So Fred is staying at a ranch outside city limits. "Mr. Fulton has not met the requirements for the City to allow him to keep a miniature horse as a service animal in a residential zone," said the city's attorney, Eric Ferguson of Kerr Law Group, in a statement.

Ferguson also questioned the validity of the documentation for a service animal, noting it was from a nurse practitioner basing the recommendation on what Ferguson said wasn't firsthand knowledge.



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