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Tenn. Code Ann. § **6-54-135** (2016)

**6-54-135. Allowing pet dogs in outdoor dining areas at restaurants.**

**(a)** For purposes of this section, "pet dog" means a dog other than a service or guide dog assisting a handicapped person.

**(b)** Notwithstanding any other prohibition to the contrary, certain jurisdictions, as provided in subsection (c), may, by ordinance or resolution, authorize the presence of pet dogs in outdoor dining areas of restaurants, if the ordinance provides for adequate controls to ensure compliance with the Tennessee Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, compiled in title 53, chapter 1, and any other applicable statutes and ordinances. An ordinance enacted under this section shall provide for a permitting process to authorize individual restaurants to permit dogs as provided in this section and to charge applicants and authorized restaurants a reasonable permit fee as the ordinance may establish. Additionally, the ordinance shall provide that: