

ARTICLE V. TETHERING

Section 26. Tethering

- a) No person shall tether, fasten, chain, tie, or restrain an animal, or cause an animal to be tethered, fastened, chained, tied, or restrained, to a structure, tree, fence, or any other stationary object, except as specifically set forth in this Article V.
 - b) During periods of acceptable restraint, no animal shall be tethered to a running line, pulley, or trolley system by means of a pinch, choke, or prong collar. No tow chains or logging chains are permitted. The line connecting the animal to the trolley system must have a swivel at each end. No more than one animal may be tethered to one restraint device at one time.
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- c) No person shall tether or restrain an animal outdoors by any means during extreme weather (at or below freezing temperatures/ high heat) or during periods of driving rain, tornado, hurricane, or periods when a severe weather warning has been issued for the area where the animal is located.
 - d) No person shall tether outdoors an animal who is severely sick, diseased, injured or a puppy under the age of 6 months.
 - e) Under no circumstances may the tethering device itself be placed around the animal's neck.
 - f) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a person may do any of the following:
 1. Tether an animal pursuant to the requirements of a camping or recreational area, not to exceed 7 days.
 2. Tether an animal while engaged in, or actively training for, an activity that is conducted pursuant to a valid license issued by the State of North Carolina if the activity for which the license is issued is associated with the use or presence of an animal. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit a person from restraining an animal while participating in activities or using accommodations that are reasonably associated with the licensed activity.
 3. Tether an animal while actively engaged in any of the following:
 - i. Conduct that is directly related to the business of shepherding or herding cattle or livestock.
 - ii. Conduct that is directly related to the business of cultivating agricultural products, if the restraint is reasonably necessary for the safety of the animal.
 - iii. Conduct involving law enforcement activities.
 - g) Nothing in this Article shall be construed to prohibit a person from walking a dog with a hand-held leash.
 - h) The minimum enclosure size for dogs must be 100 square feet per dog up to 50 pounds. Dogs 51 pounds or more must have 200 square feet per dog per kennel. Excrement must be removed daily from any dog enclosure.
 - i) Violations:
 1. A person who violates this Article is guilty of a violation or a misdemeanor as defined by Section 31 of this ordinance.
 2. Notwithstanding subdivision (f), animal control may issue a correction warning to a person who violates this chapter, requiring the owner to correct the violation, in lieu of a civil violation or misdemeanor, unless the violation endangers the health or safety of the animal, the animal has been wounded as a result of the violation, or a correction warning has previously been issued to the individual.
 3. A correction warning must be in writing and can be no longer than 3 days to correct unless it is not safe for the animal and then corrective measures must be immediately taken.