

SECTION 26: Tethering

- a) No person shall tether, chain, fasten, tie or restrain an animal, or cause such restraining of an animal to a tree, post, dog house or other stationary object, except as specifically set forth in this Article V.**
- b) During periods of tethering that are not lawful under this subsection, any tethering device shall be at least 10 feet in length and attached in such a manner as to prevent strangulation or other injury to the animal or entanglement with objects. Tethers must be made of rope, twine, cord or similar material with a swivel on one end or must be made of a chain that is at least 10 feet in length with swivels on both ends (no log or tow chains). All collars or harnesses used for the purpose of lawful tethering of an animal must be made of nylon or leather and be a buckle type or body harness (no pinch, choke or prong collars).**
- c) No person shall tether with a chain or wire or other device an animal in such a manner that does not allow the animal full access to adequate food, water and shelter.**
- d) No person shall tether a sick, diseased and or injured animal, or puppy (a dog that is one year of age or younger)**
- e) No person shall tether an animal 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.**
- f) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a person may tether and restrain an animal while actively engaged in:**
 - 1. Use of the animal in shepherding or herding livestock.**
 - 2. Use of the animal in the business of cultivating agricultural products, if the restraining is reasonably necessary for the safety of the animal.**
 - 3. Use of the animal in lawful hunting activities if the restraint is reasonably necessary for the safety of the animal.**
 - 4. Use of the animal at training or performance events, including but not limited to the field trials and obedience trials where tethering does not occur for a period exceeding seven consecutive days.**
 - 5. Camping or other recreation where tethering is required by the camping or recreational area where the animal is located.**

6. Any activity where a tethered animal is in visual range of its owner or keeper, and the owner or keeper is located outside with the animal.

7. Walking an animal with a handheld leash

g) The minimum enclosure size for animals must be 100 square feet per animal up to 50 pounds. Animals 51 pounds or more must have a minimum of 200 square feet per animal per kennel. Excrement must be removed daily from any animal enclosure.

h) 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 welfare 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.**