

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An Ordinance to amend Title 10, Chapter 2 of the Crossville Municipal Code pertaining to Dogs by adding Section 10-207

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Crossville, Tennessee as follows:

SECTION 1 Policy

(a) In order to enhance the quality of life of citizens and dogs and to protect the general public from damage and nuisance that may be caused by dogs confined outdoors, the Crossville City Council prohibits the outdoor tethering of dogs between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and prohibits the tethering of dogs outside for more than eight (8) total hours in any 24-hour period.

SECTION 2

(A) No person shall tether, fasten, chain, tie, or restrain a dog, or cause a dog to be tethered, fastened, chained, tied, or restrained, to a dog house, tree, fence, or any other stationary object.

(B) Notwithstanding SECTION. 2 (a), a person may:

Attach a dog to a running line, pulley, or trolley system except as follows:

The dog shall not be so restrained for more than eight (8) cumulative hours in any 24-hour period or 30 minutes when the temperature is above 90 degrees or below 32 degrees; and,

The dog shall not be so restrained between the hours of 7 pm and 7 am; and

The dog shall have a well-fitting collar and shall not be fitted with a choke, pinch, prong, or chain collar.

(C) A violation of this chapter shall be punishable as a class C misdemeanor and \$50 fine

An infraction under this chapter is punishable upon conviction by a fine of up to fifty dollars (\$50) as to each dog with respect to which a violation occurs.

Each subsequent 24-hour period shall constitute a separate infraction.

(D) The Animal Control Officer or Crossville City Police Department may issue a correction warning to a person who violates this chapter, requiring the owner to correct the violation, in lieu of an infraction, 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.

(E) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a person from walking a dog with a hand-held leash.

Mayor

Council Member

Council Member

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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk

City Attorney

Passed 1st Reading: _____

Passed 2nd Reading: _____

Passed 3rd Reading: _____