

SEC. 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 County Commission 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 two (8) total hours in any 24-hour period.

SEC. 2 Definitions

(a) Dog.—The term ‘dog’ shall mean a member of the species *Canis lupus familiaris*.

(b) Animal control.—The term ‘animal control’ means the municipal or county animal control agency or any other entity responsible for enforcing animal-related laws.

(c) Person.—The term ‘person’ means any individual, partnership, corporation, organization, trade or professional association, firm, limited liability company, joint venture, association, trust, estate, or any other legal entity, and any officer, member, shareholder, director, employee, agent, or representative thereof.

Sec. 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 subdivision (a), a person may:

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

(A) The dog shall not be so restrained for more than two hours in any 24-hour period; and,

(B) The dog shall not be so restrained between the hours of 7 pm and 7 am.

(c) A person who violates this chapter is guilty of an infraction.

(1) An infraction under this chapter is punishable upon conviction by a fine of up to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) as to each dog with respect to which a violation occurs.

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

(d) Notwithstanding subdivision (c), animal control 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.
