

Sec. 4-81. - Tethering dogs.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for a person to tether, fasten, chain, tie, rope, cable, or restrain a dog, or cause a dog to be tethered, fastened, chained, tied, roped, cabled, or restrained, to a house, tree, fence, or any stationary object except for a brief period of time necessary to complete a temporary task that requires the dog to be restrained which period of time shall not exceed four (4) hours during which the animal shall have free access to adequate water, food and shelter based on weather conditions.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the if a dog must be restrained other than by fence or other humane enclosure, a person may restrain the dog by complying with the following requirements:
 - (1) If a tether system is used, it must be connected to a single stake or similar system with a swivel on top, must have swivel type connections on each end, must be at least fifteen (15) feet in length, and must allow the dog to have as close to three hundred sixty (360) degrees circular movement as practicable.
 - (2) If a trolley system is used, it must be at least twenty (20) feet in length between the two (2) trolley stop points, must be at least three (3) feet above the height of the dog, and must allow the dog to move freely along the length of the trolley runner line without being entangled and being able to access adequate shelter.
 - (3) The tether or trolley system must allow the dog free access to adequate food, water and shelter based on weather conditions. The dog shall not be connected to either system in extreme weather conditions that may endanger the life or health of the dog.
 - (4) The tether or trolley system must be attached to a properly fitting collar or harness, not less than one (1) inch in width and that is one (1) inch greater in diameter than the animal's neck or torso. All collars or harnesses used must be made of nylon, leather or other durable and non-metallic material and must be fitted so as to not cause injury to the dog or embed itself in the dog's neck. The use of pinch collars, choke collars or a chain directly around the dog's neck is prohibited.
 - (5) The line or tether connecting the tether or trolley system to the dog's collar or harness must be made of a durable non-chain material that prevents knotting, fraying and shortening of the tether or line.
 - (6) The tether or trolley system must be connected to only one (1) dog. If more than one (1) dog is connected to a tether or trolley system in the same area, the dogs must be separated by a sufficient distance to prevent entanglement. Dogs shall not be connected to a tether or trolley system at the site of an unoccupied, abandoned or condemned dwelling or building.
 - (7) Dogs under six (6) months of age or that are sick or in distress shall not be connected to a tether or trolley system.
 - (8) A female dog in heat must be confined within a building, secure enclosure or otherwise protected from access by other dogs to prevent reproduction.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall be constructed to prohibit a person from walking a dog with a hand held leash or similar restraint.

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