

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND THE COUNTY CODE AT CHAPTER 4: ANIMALS AND FOWL, ARTICLE II: DOGS, CATS, WILDLIFE AND EXOTIC ANIMALS, CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING TETHERING ANIMALS; AND TO REMOVE REQUIREMENTS APPEARING IN CODE SECTION 4-18.

BE IT ORDAINED BY GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL:

Section 1. Amendments to Greenville County Code of Ordinances 4-19 and 4-18.

A. **Amendment.** Section 4-19 (a) of the County Code is amended to add Subsection (11) to read as follows:

§ 4-19 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

(a) Any person who abuses an animal, aids another person in abusing an animal, or causes or permits an animal to abuse another animal, by acting or failing to act, shall be in violation of this section. Cruelty to an animal includes, but is not limited to, the following:

“(11) Restraining or anchoring an animal by means of a tether an animal while outdoors, except when all of the following conditions are met:

a. The animal is not tethered more than two hours in any continuous 12-hour period. The animal is in visual range of the responsible party and the responsible party is located outside with the animal.

b. Such restraint shall not be less than 12 feet in length and shall be on a swivel attached to a collar or harness designed to prevent injury to the animal.

c. Animals shall be tethered separately as to where they are unable to tangle themselves to prevent injury.

d. Tethering device shall not exceed 10 percent of the animal’s weight.”

B. **Amendment.** Section 4-18 “Unlawful Acts” of the County Code is amended to delete Subsection (10) as follows:

~~“(10) Tether an animal by use of a choke collar or leash less than 12 feet long, or of such unreasonable weight or design so as to prevent the animal from moving about freely;”~~

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This ordinance becomes effective upon adoption.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2018.

Herman G. Kirven, Jr., Chairman
County Council

ATTEST:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator