

**AN ORDINANCE**

**TO AMEND THE COUNTY CODE AT CHAPTER 4: ANIMALS AND FOWL, ARTICLE II: DOGS, CATS, WILDLIFE AND EXOTIC ANIMALS, SECTION 4-18 “UNLAWFUL ACTS” CONCERNING TETHERING DOGS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL:**

**Section 1. Amendment.** Section 4-18(10) of the Code of Laws of Greenville County, as amended, titled “Unlawful Acts” shall be deleted and replaced as follows:

It shall be unlawful in the county for any animal owner or other keeper of an animal to:

~~(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;~~

(10) tether a dog or dogs except when: (a) tethered pursuant to requirements of park, camping or recreational areas; or (b) tethered while engaged in lawful hunting activities; or (c) tethered to a running line, pulley or trolley system elevated no higher than seven (7) feet off the ground, in a manner that allows the tether to move freely along the length of the running line, pulley or trolley system and allowing the dog fifty (50) square feet of usable space. The tether must be connected to the dog by a buckle-type collar or body harness made of nylon, leather or other durable and non-metallic material and must be properly fitted so as to not cause injury to the dog or embed in the dog’s neck. Only one dog may be attached to each running line, pulley or trolley system so as to prevent injury, strangulation, or entanglement.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

**DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.**

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Herman G. Kirven, Jr., Chairman  
Greenville County Council

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