

## KEEPING YOUR ANIMAL UNDER CONTROL.

An animal controlled by means of cable, leash, fence, or which is sufficiently near the owner or keeper to be directly under such person's control and which is obedient to that person's commands, or which is on property of the owner's, or is on property by that owner's permission, or is within a vehicle being driven or parked, as defined in Section 473-50 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN JAIL TIME AND/OR A FINE OF \$155.00

## RABIES VACCINATION

An animal must be inoculated for rabies annually by a licensed veterinarian, as defined in Section 47-5-60 of the South Carolina Code of Laws

FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN JAIL TIME AND/OR A FINE OF \$845.00

Additional information about South Carolina Code of Laws is available at <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t47c005.php>

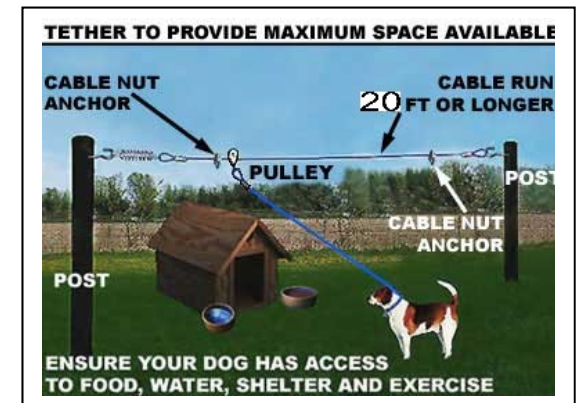


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A Citizen's Guide to the  
New Tethering Ordinance.



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## **FACTS: Tethering Ordinance County Code Section 4-11**

It shall be unlawful for an animal owner to tether a dog except when:

- Tethered pursuant to requirements of park, camping, or recreational areas.
- Tethered while engaged in lawful hunting activities.
- Tethered to a running line elevated no higher than seven feet off the ground, in a manner that allows the tether to move freely along the length of the running line which must be at least twenty feet in length between the two stop points.
- The tether must connect to a buckle type collar or harness made of nylon, leather, or non-metallic material. It must be fitted properly so as not to cause injury or embed.
- Only one dog per single tether.
- Dogs under six months can NOT be tethered.
- Dogs must have access to food, water, and shelter at all times.

### **Welfare of the Dog**

Dog owners should ensure that the buildings, fencing, or other areas where animals are kept are maintained in a sanitary, healthy condition, and that adequate space and shelter is provided.



## **DEFINITIONS**

### **Tether**

Any device including cable, leash, or tie out, attached to a stationary point or object, trolley or run used to contain or restrain a dog.

### **Unattended Animal**

Leaving your pet outside while you are not outside, in the vicinity of, or in direct sight of.

### **Adequate Space**

Sufficient space to allow each animal to easily stand, sit, lie, turn around, and make all other normal body movements in a comfortable, normal position, and/or the animal interact safely with other animals in the enclosure.

## **PENALTY:**

1<sup>ST</sup> OFFENSE \$100

SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE \$200

## **ALTERNATIVES TO TETHERING**

### **Bring Your Dog Inside**

Whatever the breed, your dog wants to be a part of your family. Bringing your dog inside will not only make your dog healthier, happier, and increase your bond; it will more than likely make you happier too.

### **Yard Fencing**

Installing a fence will prevent your dog from roaming and protect him/her from predators. Consider installing a 45-degree inward fence extension if your dog tends to jump over the fence. To help prevent your dog from digging under the fence, bury chicken wire one foot underground, where the fence meets the ground.

### **Dog Run**

Dog runs are fenced-in areas for dogs to exercise unleashed. It can be constructed from materials available locally or purchased ready to be assembled. As with fences, your dog will need a dog house and covering to protect it from the elements.

### **Electronic Fencing**

There are many variations of pet-safe electronic fencing including wireless, underground, and even indoor electronic fencing, which can help prevent a dog from escaping through an open door. Just remember that with invisible electric fencing predators and other animals can still interact with your pet, making it not as safe as tangible fencing.