

## A. DEFINITION SECTION IN CURRENT ORDINANCE:

*Tethering.* An animal may be restrained using a tethering device in which the chain or tether must be attached to both the animal and the anchor using a swivel or similar devices that prevent the chain or tether from becoming entangled or twisted. The chain or tether must be attached to a well-fitted collar or harness. The chain or tether cannot be used without a well-fitting collar or harness. The chain or tether must be at least four times the body length of the animal measured from the tip of the nose to the base of its tail.

NOTE: This is the only language in the current ordinance dealing with tethering/chaining.

## B. DEFINITION/TETHERING LANGUAGE SUPPORTED BY CCHS

We support the final version of the amendment as worded by the county, IF the following sentence from the earlier version, about stationary objects, is incorporated, as shown in bold below. If that is done, then Section 14.53, subsection C would read:

(4) *Proper tethering device.* An animal may be restrained by a tethering or a tethering device but such tethering area must also be maintained in a proper clean and sanitary condition and the tethered animal must have access to adequate food, water and shelter while on such tether. A tethering device must be attached to both the animal and the anchor using a swivel or similar devices that prevent the chain or tether from becoming entangled or twisted. The chain or tether must be attached to a well-fitted collar or harness on the animal. The chain or tether must be at least four times the body length of the animal measured from the tip of the nose to the base of its tail. The area where the animal is tethered must be clear of debris and clear of any object that would entangle the chain or tether. The chain or tether must be of adequate size and strength for the animal. Logging chains or such devices are prohibited. **Chaining or tethering an animal to a vehicle, dog house, tree or pole will not be permitted.** A trolley system or a tether attached to a pulley in a cable run is also allowed, provided these listed conditions are met.

Evolution of the language proposed by the county after discussions with CCHS representatives is shown below. We are attempting to work in cooperation with county officials to get this ordinance updated.

## C. DEFINITION SECTION IN BARRET/AVERY PROPOSAL FROM LATE JULY: (PROPOSED CHANGE FROM EXISTING ORDINANCE IS HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW)

*Tethering means an animal may be restrained using a tethering device in which the chain or tether must be attached to both the animal and the anchor using a swivel or similar devices that prevent the chain or tether from becoming entangled or twisted. The chain or tether must be attached to a well-fitted collar or harness. The chain or tether cannot be used without a well-fitting collar or harness. The chain or tether must be at least four times the body length of the animal measured from the tip of the nose to the base of its tail. The area where the animal is tethered must be clear of debris and clear of any object that the chain or tether can become entangled. The chain or*

tether must be of adequate size and strength for the animal. Logging chains or such devices are prohibited. The chain or tethering device must be attached to a ground anchor or such device. Chaining or tethering an animal to a vehicle, dog house, tree or pole will not be permitted due to the animal becoming entangled. Violation of this section will fall under animal cruelty.

#### **D. DEFINITION SECTION IN VERSION PRESENTED BY BARRET/AVERY AT BOC WORK SESSION IN LATE AUGUST:**

2. The definition of “*Tethering*” under Section 14-51 (that is, the definition above labelled A.) shall be stricken in its entirety and the following substituted therefor:

*Tether or tethering* means the restraint and confinement of an animal by use of a chain or similar restraint device.

RELATED REVISION OF 14.53, Animal Control:

#### **Section 14-53.- Animal Control.**

1. Subsection (c) of Section 14.53 shall be amended by adding a new subsection (4) to read as follows:

- (4) *Proper tethering device.* An animal may be restrained by a tethering or a tethering device but such tethering area must also be maintained in a proper clean and sanitary condition and the tethered animal must have access to adequate food, water and shelter while on such tether. A tethering device must be attached to both the animal and the anchor using a swivel or similar devices that prevent the chain or tether from becoming entangled or twisted. The chain or tether must be attached to a well-fitted collar or harness on the animal. The chain or tether must be at least four times the body length of the animal measured from the tip of the nose to the base of its tail. The area where the animal is tethered must be clear of debris and clear of any object that would entangle the chain or tether. The chain or tether must be of adequate size and strength for the animal. Logging chains or such devices are prohibited. A trolley system or a tether attached to a pulley in a cable run is also allowed, provided these listed conditions are met.