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Officer _____

Date _____

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Need Assistance?

Holly'z Hope is a non-profit, volunteer organization supporting dogs and dog owners in our community.

Our primary goal is to promote responsible pet ownership in an effort to reduce overpopulation and inhumane treatment. We offer a long term solution to tethering or chaining dogs by providing fences at no cost to the dog owner. We also offer dog houses, spay and neutering and basic dog supplies to include dog food, straw, bedding and dog toys.

For more information visit www.hollyzhope.com or call (949) 800-9816.



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Town of Cornelius



Tethering Ordinance

Tethering Ordinance 91.06 (G)

Restraint of animals

1) It shall be unlawful for any person owning or having possession, charge, custody or control of any animal, excluding cats, to keep such animal upon his or her own premises or off the premises unless such animal is under sufficient physical restraint such as a leash, cage, bridle, or similar effective device that restrains and controls the animal, or within a vehicle or adequately contained by a fence on the premises or other secure enclosure. If the physical restraint used is a leash, bridle, or other device requiring a person to control the animal, the person using such restraint must be of sufficient age and physical size or ability to reasonably restrain the animal. If the secure enclosure is an invisible fence system, then all components of the system must be in working order and in proper place.

(2) Tethering - Domestic animals may not be tethered to a stationary object UNLESS it is attended by a responsible adult and all of the conditions numbered 1 through 9 are followed:

1. A tether must be equipped with a swivel on both ends.

2. A tether must be a minimum of 10 feet in length and be made of either metal chain or coated steel cable.

3. Tethers must be attached to a buckle type collar or harness worn by the domestic animal and under no circumstances shall the tether be placed directly around the domestic animal's neck. Tethers are never to be used in conjunction with training collars such as a choke or pinch-style collars.

4. The weight of the tether must not exceed 10% of the total body weight of the domestic animal but shall be of sufficient strength to prevent breakage.

5. The tether by design and placement must allow the domestic animal a reasonable and unobstructed range of motion without the possibility of entanglement.

6. The domestic animal must be four months of age or older to be tethered.

7. Only one domestic animal may be attached to a single tether.

8. Pulley systems, running lines, and trolley systems may be used in conjunction with a tether.

9. Pulley systems, running lines or trolley systems shall be at least 10 feet in length and no more than seven feet above the ground.

a. The line of the pulley system, running line or trolley system to which the tether is attached shall be made of coated steel cable.

b. No tether shall be affixed to a stationary object which allows a domestic animal to come within 5 feet of any property line.

(3) Within the corporate limits of the town, animal control officers shall have the authority, provided in G.S. § 160A-186, to seize any animal in violation of this section. In carrying out and performing their lawful duties, this shall include the authority to enter upon private property, not including entry into a dwelling unit or other similar building, when the animal control officer has observed an animal running-at-large in violation of this section. Such entry upon private property shall not be deemed a trespass.

Implementation

Phase I: Public Information and Outreach

For a period of six months residents will be informed of the changes to the current ordinance and will be provided with information and resources to assist with the transition away from tethering as a method of confinement

Phase II: Warning Period

For a period of six months dog owners found in violation will receive a written warning and will be given until the end of Phase II or thirty days, whichever is greater, to comply.

Phase III: Full enforcement

Full enforcement of the ordinance will begin and formal citations will be issued to owners who previously received a written warning and are not in compliance.

Penalties

After full enforcement begins on April 1, 2017, following are the penalties for ordinance violations:

First Offense – Written Warning

Second Offense – \$100.00 civil penalty

Third Offense - \$250.00 civil penalty

Fourth and Subsequent Offenses – \$500.00 civil penalty

Civil penalties will be paid to:

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