

Town of

Green Level

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Section 61.06 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH TETHERING GUIDELINES WITHIN THE TOWN OF GREEN LEVEL, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the Town of Green Level has the authority, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-186 to regulate the keeping of domestic animals; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Green Level has the authority, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-187 and N.C.G.S. § 67-4.5 to regulate animals which are dangerous to person and property; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that it is in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare to address animal matters;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Green Level, North Carolina:

Tethering Definition:

Tethering refers to restraining dogs using chains, ropes, wires or other such tethering devise. It includes being fastened to a stationary object including, but not limited to, a tree, post, fence or dog house, but also includes overhead trolley systems. Walking a dog on a leash is not considered tethering.

Tethering is Prohibited:

Tethering a dog within the Town of Green Level Town limits is prohibited except for the specific exceptions listed within this ordinance. If tethering is allowed by this ordinance, tethering shall never for longer than seven (7) consecutive days and any tethering device shall be at least ten (10) feet in length with a swivel on one end, all collars and harnesses shall be a buckle-type collar made of nylon, leather or fabric, the weight of the tethering device cannot exceed ten (10) percent of the dog's body weight, and it shall be fastened in a way to prevent strangulation and entanglement with objects that could cause injury to the dog. The dog shall have access to adequate food, water and shelter. Tethering a sick, diseased and/or injured dog, or puppy (a dog that is one year of age or younger) is never permitted. No choke-type collars or pronged collars are permitted.

Exceptions - Tethering is permitted for the following specific reasons and only for fewer than seven (7) consecutive days:

- Lawful animal events and hunting activities
- Use in conjunction with an agriculture business
- To meet the requirements of a camping or recreational facility
- Law enforcement activities
- After taking possession of a stray and having notified animal control
- When a caretaker is outside and within eyesight of the tethered animal

Allowed Alternatives

- Have a fence installed
- Switch to a pen or kennel enclosure
- Alternative fencing
- House training your dog

Penalties for Ordinance Violations

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| 1st Offense: | • \$250 civil penalty |
| • Written Warning | |
| 2nd Offense: | 4th + Offenses: |
| • \$100 civil penalty | • Violators can be found guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor and punished by a fine of up to \$500. |
| 3rd Offense: | |

Civil penalties are to be paid to the town hall office within 10 days. Late payments are charged an additional \$25 fee. Each day of violation is counted as a separate offense, incurring additional civil penalties.

Rules for Fenced Yards and Enclosures

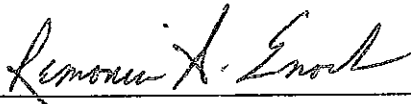
Any dog confined within a fenced yard or enclosure must have adequate shelter, adequate space, and exercise. Enclosures must be structurally sound, in good repair, humanely clean, and provide adequate space. These provisions are defined as follows:

- Adequate Shelter: a clean, safe place for each animal where it will be protected from natural elements, pain, suffering, or impairment to health.
- Adequate Exercise: providing a dog with the opportunity to move in a manner to maintain sufficient muscle tone.
- Adequate Space: space sufficient for the animal to make all normal body movements (sit, stand, lie, etc.) in a comfortable and normal position.
- Humanely Clean Conditions: periodic cleaning of animal enclosures to maintain basic sanitation and health.

It is the intention of the Town Council, entered as hereby ordained, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Green Level, North Carolina.

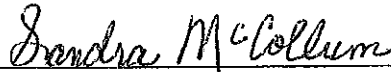
Effective Date: January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018 written warnings will be issued and full penalties as listed above are effective starting July 1, 2018.

Approved this 12th day of October 2017.



Remonia Enoch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra McCollum
Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marissa West". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Marissa West
Town Attorney



Municipal SEAL

INFORMATION ON NEW TETHERING ORDINANCE

Dogs are social animals and want to be a member of the family. Having your dog spayed or neutered and keeping him or her primarily indoors has many benefits for you, and your dog. Some alternatives to tethering are below:

- Have a fence installed
- Switch to a pen or kennel enclosure
- Alternative fencing
- House training your dog

A community based non-profit, Friends of Mebane's Animals (FoMA) new program, "Freedom Fences" provides assistance to needy owners of tethered dogs in Alamance County. Visit their website for more information or if you would like to help by volunteering or donating.

Tethering Ordinance FAQ's:

What is the timeline for implementation of the new ordinance?

Phase I: Public Information/ Outreach

- October 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017: Residents will be informed of the new ordinance and provided with information to assist with the transition away from tethering as a method of confinement.

Phase II: Warning Period

- January 1, 2018 - June 30, 2018: During this timeframe written warnings will be issued to dog owners that are not in compliance with the ordinance and will be given thirty days to comply.

Phase III: Transition Period Ends

- On and after July 1, 2018: Full enforcement begins and a formal citation will be issued to owners who previously received a written warning and are not in compliance.

What are the penalties for ordinance violations after full enforcement begins on July 1, 2018?

1st Offense:

- Written Warning

2nd Offense:

- \$100 civil penalty

3rd Offense:

- \$250 civil penalty

4th + Offenses:

- Violators can be found guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor and punished by a fine of up to \$500.

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