

**AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE TETHERING OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY OF TIPTON, MISSOURI, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 533 AND PROVIDING THE PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Tipton, Missouri, as follows:

**Section 1. Definition**

As used in this ordinance, tether shall mean to tie an animal with a rope or chain so as to restrict its movement.

**Section 2. Tethering**

It shall be unlawful to tether any animal except under the following restrictions:

- A. No animal may be tethered as the primary method of restraining an animal to any property.
- B. No animal may be tethered for a period longer than thirty (30) minutes unless it has also been provided with adequate food, water and shelter suitable for the species, age and condition of the animal.
- C. No animal may be tethered unless supervised by a competent person physically present on the property.
- D. The tether must be of a type and weight that allows for the free movement of the animal and shall be no less than three (3) times the animals length or ten (10) feet, whichever is greater, free from any entanglements, and contains a swivel at both ends. At no time may any logging chain, tow chain or similar device be utilized as a tether.
- E. Animals must be tethered by a non-choke type collar or body harness constructed of either nylon or leather and no less than one (1) inch in width, unless the collar is a rolled leather collar.
- F. No dog under six (6) months in age may be tethered.
- G. Multiple animals must be tethered separately and in such a way that they may not become entangled with one another.
- H. When tethered, an animal's maximum reach must be no closer than ten (10) feet from any sidewalk or property line.

**Section 3. Penalties**

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the terms of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisonment not more than 90 days, or by both.

**Section 4. Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and hereby amends Ordinance 533.

Read two (2) times and passed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.

Yeas: Wolf, Basinger, Kelley, Clifford

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Joe Lutz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Schmidt, City Clerk