

# **PROPOSAL TO ADD TETHERING REGULATIONS FOR DOGS IN THE CITY OF LAWRENCE TO ALREADY- EXISTING ANIMAL CRUELTY ORDINANCES**

Dear Commissioners:

The Lawrence Anti-tethering Committee would like to propose an ordinance that would prohibit continuous tethering or chaining of dogs in the city of Lawrence. In other words, dogs that are chained 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please note that this ordinance is not geared for pet owners who tether their dogs outside on a nice day for a few hours.

The City of Wichita enacted a similar ordinance last fall. We want to mirror their language since their ordinance has worked remarkably well in their city. A copy of the language is attached. Additionally, Overland Park, Kansas has an ordinance regarding constant tethering as well, as do numerous other cities across our nation.

The main reasons for wanting to implement such an ordinance are the following:

- ❑ Continuous tethering/chaining of dogs is extremely cruel and inhumane.
- ❑ Continuous tethering/chaining of dogs poses a danger to humans.
- ❑ Continuous tethering/chaining of dogs poses a danger to the dog itself.

Midge Grinstead, Director of the Lawrence Humane Society, will give more details on these various reasons and present examples of how continuous tethering/chaining can affect the dogs and our community.

In your packet, you will find the following information:

- ❑ The City of Wichita and Overland Park's ordinance regarding continuous chaining/tethering of dogs.
- ❑ An example of the City of Wichita's Chaining Notice.
- ❑ The Humane Society of the United States fact sheet on tethering/chaining of dogs.

- ❑ A list of communities across the United States who have either banned or have provisions regarding constant tethering/chaining.
- ❑ A copy of the pamphlet sent to all Wichita residents in their water bills outlining their new tethering ordinance.
- ❑ Various articles on Wichita's new tethering/chaining ordinance.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to present this information to you.

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