

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-07**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PURCELL AMENDING ORDINANCE 21-4 OF ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 10 (ANIMALS), SECTION 10-353 (ANIMAL PROTECTION; OTHER ACTS PROHIBITED); BY RENAMING PARAGRAPH D TO PARAGRAPH E AND ADDING A NEW PARAGRAPH D REGARDING TETHERING; REPEALING ALL OTHER CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PURCELL, OKLAHOMA:**

Chapter 10, Section 10-353, Subsection D. and E. are amended and shall hereafter read in their entirety as follows:

**SECTION I: AMENDMENT.**

**Section 10-353, Subsection D.:**

- D.** It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog or cat to keep or maintain the animal on a tie-out, tether, picket, or similar device consisting of a rope, cable, or any other type of tether for any duration unless continually supervised by its owner or other adult responsible for the animal at the time. Exemptions to this section may be granted by any Animal Welfare Officer or Commissioned Police Officer.

Any person who receives an exemption shall ensure that the animal will not be on the tie-out, tether, picket, or similar device for any duration under conditions which may reasonably threaten the health or well-being of the animal. The owner of a dog or cat maintained on a tether of any type shall properly fit the animal with a harness or collar to which the tether shall be attached. The tether shall be of adequate length to allow reasonable exercise, access to water, shelter, and shall not be subject to entanglement with other objects in any manner that may cause the animal injury or clear discomfort or be a weight disproportionate to the size of the animal so tethered as to unduly burden the animal. Tethering dogs or cats using chains or prong collars is prohibited. Tethering of an unsupervised dog or cat is prohibited when the outside air temperature is not between thirty-five (35) and ninety (90) degrees Fahrenheit.

**Section 10-353, Subsection E.:**

- E.** Upon conviction of a violation of this chapter for inhuman treatment to any animal, it is unlawful for the owner or keeper of such animal to not release such animal kept in inhuman conditions to an Animal Control Officer for disposition in accord with the provisions of this chapter.

**SECTION II: SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of these Ordinances are, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of these Ordinances.


**SECTION III: REPEALER.**

All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**ADOPTED AND PASSED** by the Council of the City of Purcell, Oklahoma, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

**SIGNED** by the Mayor of the City of Purcell on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.




  
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Graham Fishburn, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Andrea Millsap, City Clerk

Approved as to form this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022

  
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Greg Dixon, City Attorney