

## **Girard Tethering Ordinance**

### **505.18 HOUSE/SHELTER/TETHER ANIMALS.**

- (a) No person shall House, Shelter, or Tether an animal in any of the following circumstances:
- (1) If a heat or cold advisory has been issued by a local or state authority of the National Weather Services;
  - (2) If a severe weather warning has been issued by a local or state authority of the National Weather Service;
  - (3) If the tether is less than twelve (12) feet in length; Tethering the dog if such tethering fails to allow the dog to move at least 12 feet or in the device is a pulley system, fails to allow the dog to move a total of 12 feet;
  - (4) if the tether allows the animal to touch the fence or cross the property line or cross onto public property;
  - (5) If the tether is attached by means of a pinch-type, prong-type, martingale-type or choke-type collar or if the collar is unsafe or is not properly fitted;
  - (6) If the tether may cause injury or entanglement. Tethering the dog in a manner where the dog is able to reach a fence or other object that may cause the dog to become injured or die by strangulation after jumping the fence or object or otherwise becoming entangled in the fence or object, or securing an animal with a leash, collar, tether, or other device weighing more than ten percent of the animal's body weight;
  - (7) if the tether is made of a material that is unsuitable for the animal's size and weight or that causes any unnecessary discomfort to the animal;
  - (8) If residential premises is vacant or unoccupied.
- (b) As used in this Section, "tether" means a rope, chain, cord, dog run or pulley, or similar restraint for holding a animal in place, allowing a radius in which it can move about.
- (c) Whoever violated this Section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on the first offense, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on the second offense, and a misdemeanor of the first degree on the third or any subsequent offense. Notwithstanding the foregoing penalties, if an animal becomes sick or injured as a result of a violation of this Section, then whoever violates this Section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.
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