

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE FORSYTH COUNTY CODE
TO ADD A SECTION RELATING TO THE TETHERING OF DOGS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Forsyth County that Chapter 6 of the Forsyth County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

That Section 6-6 of the Forsyth County Code is hereby amended by adding sections, to be numbered 6-6(d) and 6-6(e), which said sections read as follows:

Sec. 6-6 General duties of keepers of animals.

(d) Restraint and confinement to property. It shall be unlawful for any person to utilize chaining, fastening, leashing, or otherwise tethering to confine dogs in a manner which

- (i) constitutes abuse, abandonment, or cruelty as defined in Chapter 6 of the Forsyth County Code; or
- (ii) subjects the dog to injury by choking or strangling; or
- (iii) causes neurotic or aggressive behavior; or
- (iv) subjects the dog to harassment or insect bites so as to cause injury or death, or subjects the dog to attacks by people or other animals, or theft; or
- (v) fails to properly protect a female dog during its estrous period from unintentional breeding.
- (vi) deprives the dog of adequate food, shade, shelter, potable water or proper exercise; or
- (vii) causes the tether to become entangled with other objects resulting in overturned food or water bowls; or
- (viii) unduly restricts the dog's movement; or
- (ix) results in the dog being confined in its own waste; or
- (x) exposes the dog to extreme temperatures for such duration as to cause injury or death.

(e) Section 6-6(d) shall become effective 24 months after the adoption of this amendment. Any person who violates Section 6-6(d) after its adoption date, but prior to the 24 months period following the date of this amendment shall be issued a written warning giving the violator notice of the provisions of this amendment. Any person who violates this amendment after the expiration of the 24 month period following the adoption date of this amendment shall be subject to the penalties established in Section 6-55 Violations and penalties of the Forsyth County Code.

Adopted on first reading this 29th day of August 2011.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE FORSYTH COUNTY CODE
REGULATING TO THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR SPAYED OR NEUTERED
DOGS AND CATS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Forsyth County that
Chapter 6 of the Forsyth County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

That Section 6-10.2 entitled Registration payment exemptions of the Forsyth
County Code is hereby amended by deleting Sections 6-10.2 (e) and (f) in their entirety
and adding section to be numbered 6-10.2(e) which section reads as follows:

~~e. An owner of a fertile dog or cat for which the twenty five (\$25.00) dollars
registration fee has been paid and whose animal is subsequently sterilized within thirty
(30) days of said payment, shall be entitled to a refund of twenty (\$20.00) dollars of said
registration fee paid for that animal that year, upon request made to the Animal Control
Department and sufficient documentation provided.~~

~~f. An owner of a puppy or kitten for which the twenty five (\$25.00) dollars
registration fee has been paid and whose animal is subsequently sterilized by the age of
six months, shall be entitled to a refund of twenty (\$20.00) dollars of said registration fee
paid for that animal that year, upon request made to the Animal Control Department and
sufficient documentation provided.~~

e. The annual registration fee may be waived for the first 12 month period a dog or
cat is registered as spayed or neutered. A certificate from a veterinarian, or if such is
unavailable, a statement from the owner under oath, must be presented certifying that the
dog or cat for which a registration application is made is either a spayed female or a
neutered male.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE FORSYTH COUNTY CODE
TO ADD A SECTION RELATING TO FOUND DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Forsyth County that
Chapter 6 of the Forsyth County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

That the Forsyth County Code is hereby amended by adding A section to
be numbered 6-19 which said section reads as follows:

Sec. 6-19 Found domestic animals-/Reporting and/or Registration.

Any person who finds and harbors an animal subject to registration pursuant to section 6-10 of this chapter, shall notify the animal control department within twenty-four (24) hours and furnish a description of the animal. The finder may surrender the animal to the animal control department or retain its possession, subject to surrender, upon demand of the animal control department, or its lawful owner. Should such animal violate any provision of this chapter while retained by the finder, such finder shall be responsible for any penalty assessed hereunder. Should the finder retain the animal for a period of sixty (60) days, the finder must then register the animal as a newly acquired animal.