

CITY OF POMPANO BEACH

90.09 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR OUTDOOR CONFINEMENT.

No person owning or having possession, charge, custody, or control of any dog shall cause, permit, or allow the dog to be chained, penned, or fenced in a manner inconsistent with the following guidelines. Non compliance with the following shall be deemed a violation of this section.

(A) Chained Dog(s) Requirements. Dogs confined by chain or cable or otherwise tethered, must comply with the following standards and criteria:

(1) Fastening requirements.

(a) Chain/cable size requirements:

For dogs weighing or with an expected mature weight of less than sixty (60) pounds, chain must consist of solid corrosion resistant metal and of 3/16 inch minimum gauge and solid link construction.

For dogs weighing or with an expected mature weight of sixty (60) up to one hundred (100) pounds, chain must consist of solid corrosion resistant metal and of 1/4 inch minimum gauge and solid link construction.

For dogs weighing or with an expected mature weight of over one hundred (100) pounds, chain must consist of solid corrosion resistant metal and of 5/16 inch minimum gauge and solid link construction.

For dogs weighing or with an expected mature weight of up to one hundred forty (140) pounds, cable must consist of corrosion resistant metal with a minimum 3/16 inch diameter and the fastening ends must be securely crimped.

For dogs weighing or with an expected mature weight over one hundred forty (140) pounds, Cable must consist of corrosion resistant metal with a minimum 5/16 inch diameter and the fastening ends must be securely crimped.

The length of both, chain or cable, must be a minimum of 15 feet.

(b) Base/attachment requirements.

The base must consist of a fixed metal post, tree, or concrete wall or slab.

Chain or cable attached to post must be secured to a through bolted corrosion resistant eye bolt with the same diameter as the specified chain size and secured to the post within

24 inches of the concrete footer. Posts are to be set through a concrete footer buried at least 6 inches below the ground surface. The amount of concrete required shall be 1 cubic foot for every 10 pounds of the dogs expected mature weight. Metal post must be a minimum schedule 40, 3-inch diameter post.

Chain or cable attached to concrete walls must be attached with an expansion style anchor and eye bolt designed for such application with a minimum diameter the same as the specified chain size.

Chain or cable attached to a tree must be wrapped around the tree and locked to itself. Tree(s) must have an 8-inch minimum diameter.

Swivels of solid corrosion resistant metal, that prevent twisting, are required to be placed mid length on chains. Fastening hardware must consist of quick link fastening devices. Required sizes for all fastening hardware shall apply as follows:

For dogs weighing or with an expected mature weight of up to one hundred (100) pounds, ¼ inch diameter fasteners must be used. For dogs weighing or with an expected mature weight of over one hundred (100) pounds, 5/16 inch diameter fasteners must be used.

Collar must be of nylon construction and at least 1 inch in width for dogs weighing or with an expected mature weight of twenty five (25) up to one hundred (100) pounds and at least 1 3/4 inches in width for dogs weighing or with an expected mature weight over one hundred (100) pounds. All fastening equipment must be maintained in good working condition and shall be replaced when visibly worn.

(2) Location requirements.

(a) Dogs must be confined to rear yard minus 5 feet of the average rear line or the easement which ever is greater. Dogs may not reach or go beyond the corners of the rear of any building or within 5 feet of the side yard property line or side yard easement which ever is greater.

(b) Dogs may not be chained at multiple-unit buildings without an affidavit from the owner of the property allowing the dog owner to do so and in compliance with 90.09 of this Ordinance.

(3) Clearance requirements.

Chain or cable must be clear of obstruction so as to prevent entanglement, and provide a minimum of 30 feet of travel.

(4) Warning signs.

Warning signs must be prominently posted reading “BEWARE OF DOG” or “BAD DOG” at least 4 times and evenly distributed at least 10 feet from the dogs range around the rear yard and facing directions of expected travel for the particular property.

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