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2 system shall be at least fifteen (15) feet in length and no higher than seven (7) feet  
3 above the ground. A tethered dog must have convenient access to food, visibly clean  
4 water, and shade. Adequate protection from the elements shall be provided at all times.  
5 A tethered dog shall be tethered in such a manner as to prevent injury, strangulation, or  
6 entanglement. No dog shall be tethered in a location in which the tether would allow  
7 such dog to reach a potentially dangerous object or area, including, but not limited to, a  
8 window sill, edge of a pool or canal, fence, porch, tree, post, terrace railing, or other  
9 object or area that poses a substantial risk of injury or strangulation to such dog if such  
10 dog jumps over, goes into, or goes around the object or area. No dog shall be tethered  
11 in an area where it may be approached by and attacked by other dogs or animals or  
12 people, without the chance to escape to a protected area such as a dog house. No dog  
13 shall be tethered outdoors during extreme temperatures or severe inclement weather,  
14 nor shall a dog be tethered unless the owner, caretaker, or other responsible party is  
15 located at all times within the area where the dog is located, so as to be able to observe  
16 and hear and attend to the dog if necessary. Choke-type collars or prong/pinch-type  
17 collars shall be permitted to be used only while a dog is under a handler's direct control  
18 on a leash. Heavy chains, cords, wires, or any other material not commonly intended to  
19 be used as a dog collar shall not be used as a restraint, a tether, or a substitute for a  
20 dog collar. Any tethering of a dog in violation of this section shall be deemed cruelty to  
21 animals pursuant to Section 4-17 of this chapter.

22 Section 2. SEVERABILITY.

23 If any portion of this Ordinance is determined by any Court to be invalid, the  
24 invalid portion shall be stricken, and such striking shall not affect the validity of the

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1 remainder of this Ordinance. If any Court determines that this Ordinance, or any portion  
2 hereof, cannot be legally applied to any individual(s), group(s), entity(ies), property(ies),  
3 or circumstance(s), such determination shall not affect the applicability hereof to any  
4 other individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

5 Section 3. INCLUSION IN CODE.

6 It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of  
7 this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Broward County Code; and that  
8 the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word  
9 "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or such other appropriate word or  
10 phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

11 Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

12 This Ordinance shall become effective as provided by law.

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