

ORDINANCE NO. 19-4(1)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, ANIMALS, ARTICLE 1, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE, VIRGINIA

BE IT ORDAINED By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Albemarle, Virginia, that Chapter 4, Animals, Article 1, Administration, is hereby amended and reordained as follows:

By Amending:

Sec. 4-103 Definitions.

Chapter 4. Animals

Article 1. Administration

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“Adequate shelter” means provision of and access to shelter that: (i) is suitable for the species, age, condition, size, and type of each animal; (ii) provides adequate space for each animal; (iii) is safe and protects each animal from injury, rain, sleet, snow, hail, direct sunlight, the adverse effects of heat or cold, physical suffering, and impairment of health; (iv) is properly lighted; (v) is properly cleaned; (vi) enables each animal to be clean and dry, except when detrimental to the species; ~~and~~ (vi) during hot weather, is properly shaded and does not readily conduct heat; (vii) during cold weather, has a windbreak at its entrance and provides a quantity of bedding material consisting of straw, cedar shavings, or the equivalent that is sufficient to protect the animal from cold and promote the retention of body heat; and (viii) for dogs and cats, provides a solid surface, resting platform, pad, floor mat, or similar device that is large enough for the animal to lie on in a normal manner and can be maintained in a sanitary manner. Under this chapter, shelters whose wire, grid, or slat floors: (i) permit the animals’ feet to pass through the openings; (ii) sag under the animals’ weight; or (iii) otherwise do not protect the animals’ feet or toes from injury are not adequate shelter.

“Adequate space” means sufficient space to allow each animal to: (i) easily stand, sit, lie, turn about, and make all other normal body movements in a comfortable, normal position for the animal; and (ii) interact safely with other animals in the enclosure. When an animal is tethered, “adequate space” means ~~a~~ that the tether to which the animal is attached that: (i) permits the above actions and is appropriate to the age and size of the animal; (ii) is attached to the animal by a properly applied collar, halter, or harness that is configured so as to protect the animal from injury and prevent the animal or tether from becoming entangled with other objects or animals, or from extending over an object or edge that could result in the strangulation or injury of the animal; and (iii) is at least ten feet in length or three times the length of the animal, as measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail, whichever is greater, except when the animal is being walked on a leash or is attached by a tether to a lead line; (iv) does not, by its material, size, or weight or any other characteristic, cause injury or pain to the animal; (v) does not weigh more than one-tenth of the animal’s body weight; and (vi) does not have weights or other heavy objects attached to it. The walking of an animal on a leash by its owner shall not constitute the tethering of the animal for purposes of this definition. When freedom of movement would endanger the animal, temporarily and appropriately restricting movement of the animal according to professionally accepted standards for the species is considered provision of adequate space. The provisions of this definition that relate to tethering shall not apply to agricultural animals.

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This ordinance shall be effective on and after July 1, 2019.

I, Claudette K. Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true, correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, by a vote of _____ to _____, as recorded below, at a regular meeting held on _____.

Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	Aye	Nay
Mr. Dill	_____	_____
Mr. Gallaway	_____	_____
Ms. Mallek	_____	_____
Ms. McKeel	_____	_____
Ms. Palmer	_____	_____
Mr. Randolph	_____	_____