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Animal tethering prohibited after June 15

(ALTUS, OKLAHOMA): After recommendation from the Altus Animal Welfare Committee, the Altus City Council passed a “no tethering ordinance” at its May 16, 2017 meeting. The new city code, effective June 15, 2017, reads as follows:

“Section 5-10. Tethering of Animals

(a) No person shall, at any time, fasten, chain, or tie any animal or cause such animal to be fastened, chained or tied while such animal is on the animal owner's or keeper's property or on the property of the animal owner's or keeper's landlord, except as authorized by the animal control supervisor on a temporary basis for warranted exceptional circumstances.

(b) Any person in violation of this section shall pay a fine of \$150 for the first occurrence, plus court costs and any impoundment fees. Any second or subsequent violation of this section shall pay a fine of \$500, plus court costs and any impoundment fees.”

This new ordinance supports the purpose and mission of both the Altus Animal Control Department and the Animal Welfare Committee by improving the health, welfare, and wellness of the animals.

Find adoptable dogs and more information about the Altus Animal Control here:

<http://www.altusok.gov/153/Animal-Control>

For more information please contact Animal Control Department by phone at (580) 481-2285.

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