

**ATTACHMENT A**

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ORDINANCE G-XXXX

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE I,  
PHOENIX CITY CODE, SECTION 8-3.08 RELATING TO THE  
UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT OF A DOG.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX, as

follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 8, Article I, Section 8-3.08 is hereby amended  
and revised to modernize and strengthen the City's regulations on dog tethering as  
follows:

**Sec. 8-3.08. Unlawful restraint of dog.**

A. For purposes of this section:

"*Collar*" means any collar constructed of nylon, leather, metal, or similar material,  
specifically designed to be used on a dog.

"*DIRECT SUPERVISION OR CONTROL*" MEANS WHEN A DOG IS KEPT WITHIN  
THE VISUAL RANGE OF THE OWNER OR HANDLER AT ALL TIMES WHILE  
OUTSIDE.

"*Extreme weather conditions*" means:

- a. The actual or effective outdoor temperature is below 32 degrees Fahrenheit  
or above 100 degrees Fahrenheit;

b. A heat advisory has been issued by a local, State, or national authority for the area; or

c. A monsoon, hurricane, tropical storm, dust storm or tornado warning has been issued for the area by a local, State, or national authority.

"*Owner*" means a person who owns or has custody or control of a dog.

"*Properly fitted*" means a collar that measures the circumference of a dog's neck plus one inch.

"*Restraint*" means a rope, tether, leash, cable, or other device ~~other than a chain~~ that attaches a dog to a stationary object or trolley system. IT IS NOT PERMISSIBLE TO USE A CHAIN AS A RESTRAINT.

B. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO CONFINE A DOG ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BY USE OF A TETHER, TROLLEY, OR SIMILAR RESTRAINT UNLESS THE DOG IS UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OR CONTROL BY THE OWNER OR HANDLER. An owner shall not restrain a dog outside by use of a choke collar or pinch collar, ~~or a restraint that unreasonably limits the dog's movement, or during extreme weather conditions~~ OR ANY TIME DURING EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS.

ANY RESTRAINT USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CHAPTER MUST NOT UNREASONABLY LIMIT A DOG'S MOVEMENT OR CAUSE DISTRESS TO THE DOG. A restraint unreasonably limits a dog's movement if the restraint:

1. Uses a collar that is not properly fitted to the dog;
2. Is in length shorter than ~~ten~~ SIX feet;
3. Places the dog in unsafe or unsanitary conditions;
4. Causes injury to the dog; or
5. Does not permit the dog access to food, water, shade, dry ground, or adequate shelter ~~at all times~~.

C. *Penalty.*

1. A person found responsible for violating subsection B of this section must be assessed a fine not less than \$250.00.

2. Upon a second conviction under subsection B of this section, a person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by jail for a term of not less than 48 hours and a fine of not less than \$1,000.00.

3. Upon a third conviction under subsection (B)(2) of this section, a person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by jail for a term of not less than 15 consecutive days and a fine of not less than \$2,000.00.

D. A person who has restrained a dog in compliance with subsection (B)(2) of this section is not in violation of Section 8-14(A).

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court, such decision shall not affect the validity of remaining sections.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Phoenix this 17th day of June 2026.

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MAYOR

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Date

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Denise Archibald, City Clerk

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Julie M. Kriegh, City Attorney

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