AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CONWAY MUNICIPAL CODE BOOK TITLE 6 SECTION “ANIMAL & FOWL; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Animal Welfare Unit desires to amend Title 6 of the Conway Municipal Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1. Title 6 shall be amended as follows:

Section 6.04.03 Confinement of Animals on Premises of Owner is amended to read as follows:

A. Confinement of Dogs. Any person owning, possessing or keeping a dog or dogs whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, licensed or unlicensed, shall confine such dog or dogs within an adequate fence or enclosure within a house, garage or other building and provides adequate ventilation and protection from environmental conditions.

C. Chaining. No person shall direct-point chain or tether a dog to a stationary object. Dogs may be restrained by means of a trolley system, or a tether attached to a pulley on a cable run if the following conditions are met:

Only one (1) dog may be tethered to each cable run.

1. The tether must be attached to a properly fitting collar or harness worn by the dog, with enough room between the collar and the dog's throat through which two (2) fingers may fit. Choke collars and pinch collars are prohibited for purposes of tethering a dog to a cable run.
2. There must be a swivel on at least one (1) end of the tether to minimize tangling of the tether.
3. The tether and cable run must be of adequate size and strength to effectively restrain dog. The size and weight of the tether must not be excessive, as determined by the animal welfare officer, considering the age, size and health of the dog.
4. The cable run must be at least (10) feet in length and mounted at least four (4) feet and no more than eight (8) feet above ground level.
5. The length of the tether from the cable run to the dog's collar should allow access to the maximum available exercise area and should allow continuous access to water and shelter. The trolley system must be of appropriate configuration to confine the dog to the owner's property, to prevent the tether from extending over an object of an edge that could result in injury or strangulation of the dog, and to prevent the tether from becoming entangled with other objects or animals.

Upon notification by written warning, owner will be given ten (10) days to comply. If compliance is not met, the dog may be removed by Animal Welfare Officers.

Section 6.04.16 Animal Care is amended to read as follows:

J. Chaining or tethering a dog to stationary objects is prohibited. Dogs must be restrained by means of a trolley system as described in Section 6.04.03 (c).
SECTION 2. That any ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of that conflict.

SECTION 3. This ordinance is necessary for the protection of the public peace, health and safety and an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED this 24th day of August 2010

APPROVED:

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Mayor Tab Townsell

ATTEST:

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Michael O. Garrett
City Clerk/Treasurer