

Sec. 4-94. - Restraint and confinement of dogs.

- (a) All dogs must be kept under restraint at all times through confinement or use of a handheld leash or lead, except that:
 - (1) Dogs, other than dogs determined to be a dangerous dog pursuant to division 2 of this article, need not be restrained in field numbers three, four, and five of Rollingwood Park, as depicted on appendix 2-1 , attached to the ordinance from which this section derived, if:
 - a. No organized sports activity, such as youth baseball or softball league play, is then occurring in the field; and
 - b. The dog's owner or person authorized by the owner is interacting with the dog and maintaining reasonable control of the dog through observation and by voice command, when appropriate, to prevent interference by the dog with any other persons present.
- (b) Voice control shall not be deemed to be a means of confinement under this section, except when a dog is on its owner's premises.
- (c) No dog in the city shall be restrained with a chain or tether unless the person is holding the chain or tether. This prohibition shall not apply to a temporary restraint of a dog during a lawful animal event, veterinary treatment, grooming, training, or law enforcement activity or when such restraint is required to protect the safety or welfare of a person or the dog, if the dog's owner or handler remains with the dog throughout the period of restraint.
- (d) A person restraining a dog with a chain or tether shall attach the chain or tether to a properly fitting collar or harness worn by the dog. A person may not wrap a chain or tether directly around a dog's neck. A person may not restrain a dog with a chain or tether that weighs more than 1/18 of the dog's body weight. A chain or tether used to restrain a dog must, by design and placement, be unlikely to become entangled.
- (e) A person may not restrain a dog in a manner that does not allow the dog to have access to necessary shelter and water.
- (f) A person may not restrain a dog in a manner that allows the dog to move outside the person's property.

(Code 1995, § 2.01.010; Ord. No. 2017-05-17(A), § 1, 5-17-2017)

State Law reference— Unlawful restraint of dog, V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code § 821.076 et seq.; restraint, impoundment and disposition of dogs and cats, V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code § 826.033.