

**Ordinance 2023-2**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, SECTIONS 6-16 and 6-17,  
OF THE WINSTON-SALEM CITY CODE TO REFLECT REVISIONS TO THE  
FORSYTH COUNTY CODE ON ANIMALS**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem as follows:

Section 1. Section 6-16 of the Winston-Salem City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 6-16. Applicability of regulations of county board of health and county ~~animal control~~ Animals ordinance.

The regulations of the county board of health and the county ~~animal control~~ Animals ordinance are applicable within the corporate limits of the city. Where the county ~~animal control~~ Animals ordinance and the county board of health provide for animal ~~control~~ regulations beyond those provided by this chapter, they shall be enforced in accordance with the terms of each. Copies of such regulations are on file and available for inspection in the ~~county animal control~~ office of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Animal Services Division.

Section 2. Section 6-17 of the Winston-Salem City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 6-17. Restraint of dogs.

- (a) *On premises of owner.* No dog shall be left unattended outdoors unless it is restrained and restricted to the owner's property by: a tether while in the presence of the owner or other competent person; rope, chain, above-ground fence; underground fence (a containment system for dogs which includes a border created by a buried wire, a transmitter and a receiver collar); or a secure enclosure. ~~or other device.~~ Fencing Above-ground fencing as required in this section shall be adequate in height, construction and placement to keep resident dogs on the lot and keep other dogs and children from accessing the lot, and will have One one or more secured gates to the lot shall be provided. Underground fencing as required in this section shall have the batteries for all applicable equipment charged at all times.
- (b) *Off premises of owner.* In addition to all other penalties prescribed by law, a dog is subject to impoundment and all other applicable provisions of the county ~~animal control~~ Animals ordinance if the dog is found off the premises of the person owning or having possession, charge, care, custody or control of such dog and is not under the control of a competent person and restrained by a leash, chain, rope or other means of adequate physical control.
- (c) *Penalties established.* The penalties for violation of this section shall be as follows:
- (1) First violation: \$50.00
  - (2) Second violation: \$75.00
  - (3) Third and subsequent violations: \$100.00
- (d) *Collection of penalty.* The ~~animal control department~~ Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Animal Services Division is authorized to collect, at the time of redemption, an appropriate penalty if the animal was in violation of this section.

- (e) *Determination of number of violations.* For the purpose of determining how many offenses have been committed and for determining the appropriate penalty, each offense shall remain on the books of the ~~animal-control~~ office of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Animal Services Division for a period of three years. Subsequent to three years' expiration, the offenses shall be removed from the books.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.