

From: [J.R. McMullen](#)
To: [Rosenson, Valerie](#)
Cc: [Lee, Benjamin](#); [Nabel, Susan](#)
Subject: Dog ordinance (LR30.103) in Stamford CT Discriminatory
Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 8:51:53 PM
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[AMANDA ARRINGTON ex JULY 2019.pdf](#)

Hi Valerie,

Please add the attached to the anti tethering ordinance, item LR30.103, and forward it to all members of the Board. It would seem there are experts who are concerned that the Humane Society's position has a greater adverse impact in our lower income communities and is discriminatory.

Thanks. J.R.

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From: **Stacey Ober** <Stacey.Ober@akc.org>
Date: Fri, May 21, 2021 at 10:32 AM
Subject: Dog ordinance in Stamford CT
To: J.R. McMullen <jrmcmullen.stamford18@gmail.com>
Cc: Phil Guidry <Phil.Guidry@akc.org>

Hi Representative McMullen:

AKC was not aware of the Norfolk and Portsmouth, VA ordinances before they were adopted in 2015 and 2017, and did not offer comment on them. During the 2019 debate on the VA law, our VA affiliated federation of dog clubs submitted the attached comments in opposition to proposed tethering restrictions. The information may be of interest to Stamford representatives too.

Let me know if there is anything else I can assist with.

Kind Regards,

Stacey Ober, J.D.

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From: Alice Harrington <aharrington4832@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 3:25 PM
To: Charley Hall <Charles.Hall@akc.org>
Subject: Re: Dog ordinance in Stamford CT

Here are some pieces I put together. If you google Amanda Arrington HSUS she is still running the Pets for Life HSUS program - may have a different name.

They need to reach out to their legislators of color and inform them of this info. It had a big impact here as no one had raised those issues until I did using HSUS's OWN PEOPLE!!

Let me know if you need more help.

Alice

On May 20, 2021, at 10:32 AM, Charley Hall <Charles.Hall@akc.org> wrote:

Hi Alice,

Please see below. Do you have any insight or know if any local clubs or VFDCB weighed in on either ordinance? Norfolk's was in 2015 and Portsmouth's was 2017.

Thanks,

Charley

Charley Hall

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From: Stacey Ober <Stacey.Ober@akc.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 8:54 AM
To: Charley Hall <Charles.Hall@akc.org>
Cc: Phil Guidry <Phil.Guidry@akc.org>; Sheila Goffe <Sheila.Goffe@akc.org>
Subject: FW: Dog ordinance in Stamford CT

Hi Charley,

The Stamford CT proposed tethering ordinance discussion continues to evolve and change. The sponsor has moved to now add just one simple sentence, based on his review of local ordinances he said in place in Norfolk and Portsmouth, VA.

My question is whether AKC took a position on this or similar text?

" (4) No person shall tether a dog to a stationary object or to a mobile device:

(a) Unless the owner or keeper is outside with the dog and the dog is in the owner's or keeper's view;"

Thanks for your guidance,

Stacey Ober, J.D.

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From: Stacey Ober

Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 8:49 AM

To: J.R. McMullen <jrmcmullen.stamford18@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: Dog ordinance

Good morning, Representative.

Here is a link to AKC's formal position on tethering. https://cqrceengage.com/akc/file/ID9uaohOQAm/Tethering_%202018.pdf

I heard Rep. Jacobson during the meeting Tuesday night indicated his new text was from a local Virginia jurisdiction. Norfolk and Portsmouth, VA I believe he said. I'll need to check and see if AKC took a position on it and will get back to you.

Warmly,

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From: J.R. McMullen <jrmcmullen.stamford18@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 7:26 PM

To: Stacey Ober <Stacey.Ober@akc.org>

Subject: Re: Dog ordinance

Hi Stacey,

Does the AKC support

" (4) No person shall tether a dog to a stationary object or to a mobile device:

(a) Unless the owner or keeper is outside with the dog and the dog is in the owner's or keeper's view;"

The experts who have weighed in assert you do not. I personally think it is crazy to assume an owner is always going to be outside with their dog.

Thanks. J.R.

On Wed, May 19, 2021 at 4:06 PM Stacey Ober <Stacey.Ober@akc.org> wrote:

Good afternoon, Representatives:

As I have shared, I have a standing monthly conference call with my Maine Federation of Dog clubs that conflicts with your Legislative & Rules Committee meeting. Please know that I have been able to watch your videos and follow along.

After reviewing last evening's discussion, I'm writing in response to statements made about AKC's position.

When provided your draft ordinance, which HSUS had already edited, I drafted suggested changes with a letter explaining the recommendations. It is here on your website. http://www.boardofreps.org/Data/Sites/43/userfiles/committees/legrules/items/2020/lr30103/lr30103_akc_amendments.pdf

Under newly proposed 4 (f) HSUS had inserted the following text "(f) Without his/her owner in attendance on the property." I merely added the word "keeper" on the draft to have this new subsection consistent with other phrases in your current ordinance.

Last month, after reviewing the video of your meeting I did reach out to provide additional information to counsel given the questions raised about the placement of aggressive dogs with families unaware of their histories and how other jurisdictions have responded to this problem. I did ask if a copy of any new draft could be shared with me.

I understand that last night you considered a new draft specific to tethering that has now been voted to go forward for public hearing. Please know I was not provided a copy of it in advance on which to comment nor was my presence requested last evening as a guest. (It sounded as though Rep. Jacobson was expecting my participation.)

I do intend to continue to make myself available to Stamford as a resource and if I am not available, someone from my department will be— as Charley Hall did during your first meeting on the ordinance changes.

Warmly,

Stacey Ober, J.D.

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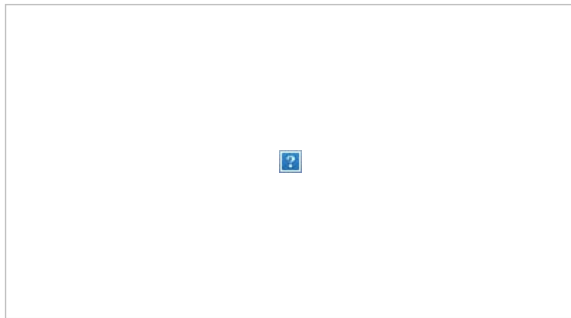
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