



#### Whitfield County Ordinance 4-30 Shelter/Tethering Requirements.

- (a) All domesticated animals shall be provided with proper shelter. Said shelter shall be constructed and maintained to protect the animal from rain, snow, ice, excessive cold or heat, and excessive direct sunlight, and shall be of a size to allow the animal sufficient space to stand, turn around, and lie down in a comfortable position appropriate to the age, size, and health of the animal.
- (b) Crates specifically designed for domesticated animals shall comply with this section provided such crate is appropriately sized for the animal.
- (c) Adequate shelter generally shall consist of four (4) walls, a roof, a floor, and an opening of adequate size, based upon the size of the animal. Alternatively, metal or plastic drums may constitute adequate shelter. Such shelter shall be elevated not less than four (4) inches above the ground to prevent the intrusion of water.
- (d) Inadequate shelter shall include, but not be limited to boxes, lean-tos, or the areas beneath or upon porches, decks or crawl spaces.
- (e) Each domesticated animal shall be provided individual shelter.
- (f) An owner may confine his or her domesticated animal by tethering such animal with a running cable line or trolley system, attached to stationary objects at either end, and not less than twenty (20) feet in length and mounted not less than six (6) feet nor more than seven (7) feet above ground level. The tethering of a domesticated animal to a single stationary object is prohibited.
- (g) The length of the tether shall allow access to the maximum available exercise area and shall allow free access to food, water, and shelter.