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NEW PET ORDINANCES

Tethering and Extreme Weather

In March 2019, Lynchburg City Council amended the City Code to include two new ordinances regarding the humane treatment of dogs. The two ordinances address the tethering of dogs and the keeping of dogs in extreme heat.



TETHERING ORDINANCE

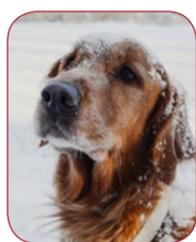
In the City Code tethering is defined as the use of a rope, chain, or the like, by which an animal is fastened to a fixed object so as to limit its range of movement. Tethering includes the use of a "run-line" in which a wire, or the like, is placed above ground, is tied off between two fixed points, and a lead is suspended from the run-line to the collar or the harness of a dog which allows the dog to run from point to point.

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly allow, condone, or participate in the tethering of a dog under any of the following conditions:

- Between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- If the dog is sick or injured.
- If the dog is "in heat."
- If the dog is under the age of four (4) months.
- If the dog is tethered in a manner that is reasonably likely to cause the dog's injury, strangulation or entanglement on fences, trees, or other physical obstacles.

The city's animal warden, deputy animal wardens, and police officers shall enforce this ordinance. To read the complete ordinance please visit [lynchburgva.gov/animal-control](#).

EXTREME WEATHER ORDINANCE



Leaving a dog outside during extreme weather conditions is prohibited. For the purposes of this ordinance, "outside" shall mean any unattended dog that is outside subject to the weather and elements, which includes, but not limited to, a dog in a securely fenced-in yard, a dog in a kennel or a dog tethered or tied out. A dog will be considered "outside" regardless of access to an outdoor dog house or similar structure unless the kennel is heated and/or air conditioned.

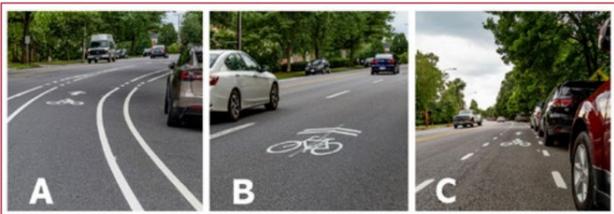
It shall be unlawful for any person to leave any dog outside and unattended for a period of one-half hour or longer, during such a period when either:

- The temperature is below thirty-two (32) degrees Fahrenheit; or
- The temperature is above ninety-five (95) degrees Fahrenheit.

Should any of the above defined weather conditions be met then the dog must be brought indoors. To read the complete ordinance please visit [lynchburgva.gov/animal-control](#).

TAKE NOTE: SHARED BIKE LANES ON RIVERMONT

Rivermont Avenue has several areas where new bike lanes are shared with automobile lanes (called "sharrows") due to the narrowness of the road. Shared bike lane markings are road markings used to indicate a shared lane environment for bicycles and automobiles. Among other benefits shared lane markings reinforce the legitimacy of bicycle traffic on the street and recommend proper bicyclist positioning.



In the photos above, (A) shows where the bike lane merges into the automobile lane; (B) the bike lane marking with two arrows (a sharrow) shows bikes have the same right-of-way as automobiles in the lane of traffic; (C) bike lanes with dotted lines show the possibility of entering and exiting traffic.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: VACANCIES

The City of Lynchburg is a great place to live, work and play. One important way for citizens to become engaged in their community is to volunteer to serve on a City Council appointed board or commission.



This month there will be anticipated vacancies on several boards and commissions. Residents who are interested in being considered to fill one of the vacancies are invited to complete an application available online at [lynchburgva.gov](#). An application may also be obtained from the Clerk of Council Office, City Hall, 900 Church Street, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact Robin Craig, Clerk of Council at (434) 455-3990, or robin.craig@lynchburgva.gov.

The following boards and commissions will have vacancies when terms end in July 2019:

- Board of Building Code Appeals - 3 vacancies (1 eligible to serve again)
- Business Development Center - 3 vacancies (3 eligible to serve again)
- Redevelopment & Housing Authority - 1 vacancy (eligible to serve again)
- Social Services Advisory Board - 2 vacancies (2 eligible to serve again)

Please note: Although some individuals are eligible to serve another term, there is no guarantee that the individual will be reappointed.

ANNUAL TRASH CART DECALS: FEES INCREASING

Lynchburg's annual trash cart decals are renewed every September. Fees for the decals have not increased since 1993. The cost of trash disposal continues to rise each year. With the 2012 closure of the City's landfill and the opening of the Regional Landfill in Campbell County, the current fee structure does not keep up with the cost.



The new fees structure, which begins with the September 2019 - August 2020 decal is as follows:

- 32-gallon trash cart decals - \$55 (increase of \$15)
- 64-gallon trash cart decals - \$110 (increase of \$30)
- 22-gallon blue trash bags - \$10 for 5 (increase of \$3.75)
- No change to those receiving free decals: SNAP, Tax Relief for the Elderly and residents who live next to the closed City landfill

Order forms for the decals will be mailed to current decal holders in mid August.

As a reminder, residents may bring up to 500 pounds of residential household waste per calendar month to the Concord Turnpike Convenience Center or to the Livestock Road Regional Landfill for free with no limit on the number of trips.

Remember... recycling can save you even more cash on your trash! Less trash means buying fewer decals and bags.

YOUR LYNCHBURG STORY!

Someone once said "memories make us who we are." Indeed, stories from our past can serve to honor, inspire and teach. Sharing our collective memories is a tradition as old as time itself.



That's the idea behind the "Your Lynchburg Story" initiative—your memories of life in Lynchburg. It can be anything from the neighborhood where you grew up, the places you've worked, the school you attended or the people you've known. Whether you're a lifelong resident or someone who's new to the Hill City... everyone has a story to share, and preserving these memories for others to enjoy can help us all appreciate what makes our city so special.

Keep an eye out for these stories on LTV, the City's website and on our social media pages. And if you'd like to share your own, follow the link [lynchburgva.gov/yourlynchburgstory](#) and fill out the on-line form. We'd love to hear "Your Lynchburg Story!"

STATE GAMES OF AMERICA, JULY 31 - AUGUST 4

Volunteers Still Needed!

The State Games of America will be held in Lynchburg July 31 through August 4. This biennial multi-sport festival will draw as many as 15,000 competitors and 22,000 spectators. This will require the efforts of up to 5,000 volunteers! Offering your time and talent by volunteering is a great way to get involved in this prestigious national event.



Volunteers are needed for medal tables/awards, photography (must have own camera), social media, street team, clean-up, medical, sports assistance/coordinator, information booth, set-up, tailgate party, opening ceremony, ticket gate, etc. To learn more and to register to volunteer, visit [www.stategamesofamerica.com](#).

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Save the Date!

The Main Street Renewal Project begins September 16. Learn more about the project's goals, timelines, and impacts to your daily life in Downtown Lynchburg at our next public meeting:

Monday, August 12 • 6 PM
Holiday Inn Lynchburg (601 Main Street)

Learn more: sign up for email updates at www.RenewLHY.com.

