ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF METTER'S DOG ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY TERMS AND EXPAND ORDINANCE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC

THAT WHEREAS, the City of Metter, Georgia, permits and regulates the handling and care of dogs within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, City Clerk, and Police Chief have identified language in the present ordinances identified as Chapter 6.04 that needs to be clarified and expanded for the best interest of the health, safety, morals, and welfare of the public; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Metter, Georgia that the dog ordinance of the City of Metter, Georgia is hereby amended as follows:

That §6.04.080 (f) be added to §6.04.080 which is currently titled "Caring for Dogs." The language of said Section shall be as follows:

"(f) Any tether used to temporarily confine an animal while attended by its owner must be attached to a collar or harness and shall not be wrapped directly around the animal's neck. Such tether shall not be excessively heavy or weighted so as to inhibit the animal's movement. It shall be unlawful for any person to secure an animal by any leash, cord, or rope that is less than 10 feet in length and not tangle resistant. Any animal maintained on any leash, cord, or rope that is less than 10 feet in length and not tangle resistant shall be deemed improperly confined. Furthermore, any animal maintained on a leash, cord, or rope that is appropriate under this ordinance section shall be permitted adequate daily time to exercise off such tether."

First Reading:

September , 2019 October , 2019

Second Reading:

CITY OF METTER, GEORGIA

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Paul MacGregor, Council Member

Brandon Sikes, Council Member

ATTESTED TO BY;

Angie Conner, City Clerk