

**CITY OF ALBION  
ORDINANCE #2020-04**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE II, TO ADD DIVISION V  
SECTIONS 14-112 TO 14-115, HUMANE TREATMENT OF DOGS

**Purpose and Finding:**

As the City Council is aware, Chapter 14 in the City of Albion Code of Ordinances deals with animals in the City of Albion. Primarily, the current ordinances protect people from dangerous animals, but there is no portion of the ordinance that mandates the humane treatment of dogs. The additions below will ensure prohibition of animal cruelty toward dogs in the City of Albion.

THE CITY OF ALBION ORDAINS:

Section 1. Chapter 14, Article II, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Albion, is hereby amended, by adding Division V, Section 14-112 through 14-115 as follows:

**ARTICLE II: DOGS**

**DIVISION V: HUMANE TREATMENT OF DOGS**

**Sec. 14-112. Restraints.**

Restraints such as tethers, chains, ropes, or leashes, shall be placed or attached so that they not be entangled with another animal or object; shall be of sufficient length in proportion to the size of the dog to allow the dog proper movement, exercise, and access to food, water, and shelter; and shall be located so as not to allow the dog to jump over an obstacle where the tether could become entangled and the dog choke. A tether shall be located so as not to allow the dog to trespass onto public property or private property of others, nor in such a manner as to cause harm or danger to persons or other animals.

**Sec. 14-113. Shelter.**

No person within the City shall fail to provide any dog in their charge with shelter from inclement, hot or cold weather. Any area where a dog is housed or allowed to remain shall be kept clean of animal waste and any other substance which would jeopardize the dog's health and comfort.

**Sec. 14-114. Food and water.**

No person within the City owning or having custody of a dog shall neglect or fail to provide the dog with necessary nourishing food at least once daily and shall provide a supply of clean water to sustain the dog in good health.

**Sec. 14-115. Penalty for violation.**

Any person who violates any provision of Division 5 shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of up to \$500.00 or imprisonment of not more than 93 days in jail or by both fine and imprisonment.

Section 2. Severability. This ordinance and each article, section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, part, provision, sentence, word and portion thereof are hereby declared to be severable, and if they or any of them are declared to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected.

This Ordinance shall take effect on May 20, 2020 after publication.

First Reading:

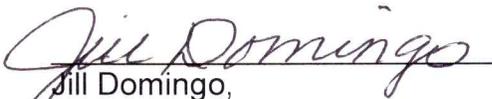
Second Reading & Adoption:

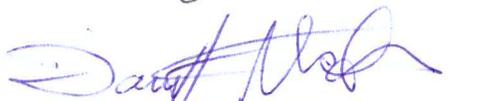
April 6, 2020

April 20, 2020

Ayes 6  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 (Spicer)

Ayes 7  
Nays 0  
Absent 0

  
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Jill Domingo,  
Clerk

  
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David Atchison,  
Mayor.