Local government Laws

Use Sites 1-4 to find information for this chart on the specific leash laws in four different communities. In the column titled "Ordinances" describe the law or laws in your own words. Under "Consequences" describe the penalties for offenses. Include penalties for multiple offenses.

1. <http://www.merrimacknh.gov/police/articles_and_tips/animal_control>

2.http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/CMPD/organization/Support/AnimalControl/Char-MeckLaws/Pages/Leash%20Law.aspx

3. <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/ContentDisplay.aspx?id=5722>

4. <http://www.cityofboston.gov/animals/regulations.asp>

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| **Communities** | **Ordinances** | **Consequences (example: fines)** |
| Merrimack, New Hampshire |  |  |
| Charlotte, North Carolina |  |  |
| Berkeley, California |  |  |
| Boston, Massachusetts |  |  |

**Part 2**

Consider the specific details of the different ordinances in Part 1 and how clearly they describe what constitutes a violation and how fair and applicable the consequences seem.

1. Which community do you think has the most effective leash law?

2. What elements do you think make this leash law more effective than others?

3. Which community do you think has the least effective leash law?

4. What elements do you think make this leash law less effective than others?