

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 2023.013

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING WILDLIFE FEEDING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to prohibit the feeding of unconfined wildlife in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by Liberty Township, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Feed – to give, place, expose, deposit, distribute or scatter any edible material with the intention of feeding, attracting or enticing wildlife. Feeding does not include baiting in the legal taking of fish and/or game.
- b. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- c. Wildlife – all animals that are neither human nor domesticated.

SECTION III. Prohibited Conduct:

- a. No person shall feed, in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by Liberty Township, any wildlife, excluding confined wildlife (for example, wildlife confined in zoos, parks or rehabilitation centers, or unconfined wildlife at environmental education centers, or feral cats as part of an approved Trap-Neuter-Release program).

SECTION IV. Enforcement:

- a. This ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning officer or such other official as may be authorized by the Liberty Township Committee.
- b. Any person found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be ordered to cease the feeding immediately.

SECTION V. Violations and Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per day that the violation continues.

SECTION VI. Severability:

If any section or portion of this Ordinance shall be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION VII. Repealer:

All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

SECTION VIII.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as provided by law.

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