

Limitations on Feeding of Wildlife

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Situation



- Feeding of wildlife concentrates wildlife leading to:
 - More predators
 - Increase in disease transmission
 - Increase in property damage
- Creates an unhealthy and unsafe environment for both people and animals
 - Risk to wildlife from pets and vehicles
- Contributes to the overpopulation of wild animals in urban areas
- Artificial foods may not be safe or easily digestible for wildlife
- Disrupts normal wildlife movement
- Loss of fear of people
- Zoonotic disease

Definition



- Feed or Feeding: place, deposit, distribute or scatter grain, hay, minerals, salt, or other foods for consumption
 - Does not include:
 - Landscape elements
 - Bird feeders
- Wildlife: Any undomesticated animal species including but not limited to bear, skunks, raccoon, wolf, coyote, fox, deer, elk, moose, antelope.
 - Does not include livestock, domesticated pets, or birds

Penalty



- Noncriminal civil infraction
- Non-jury triable
- Warning system
 - Written warning will be issued if there is one witness to the feeding.
 - Is sufficient if posted on the subject premises
 - 24 hours to comply
 - Records of all warnings given will be kept by the City
- Code Enforcement will cite and enforce

Objective



- Reduce illegal feeding of wildlife within City limits
- Reinforce state law banning the feeding of wildlife