

616.14 FEEDING OF WILD OR FERAL ANIMALS OR BIRDS.

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) "Feed" means any material, including, but not limited to, bird seed, bird feed, corn or any like or similar substance which can be utilized for consumption by wild/feral animals and/or birds to provide nourishment.

(2) "Feeding" means the spreading, casting, laying, depositing or dumping of feed on any property within the City.

(3) "Person" means any natural person, association, partnership, organization or corporation.

(4) "Residential property" or "residential areas" means any property within the City which is currently zoned or used for residential purposes.

(5) "Wild/feral animals and/or birds" means any animal or bird not normally considered domesticated, including, but not limited to, the following: pigeon, vulture, sparrow, morning dove, starling or crow, and which is not currently being kept as a pet within a residence or outside in a cage.

(b) Prohibitions. Except as provided in subsection (c) hereof, no person shall feed, or cause the feeding of, any wild/feral animals and/or birds within the corporate limits of the City.

(c) Exceptions. The feeding of wild/feral animals and/or birds shall be allowed in residential areas, provided that the following conditions are complied with:

(1) All feed must be placed within a container, receptacle or feeder designed for the feeding of wild/feral animals and/or birds.

(2) The containers, receptacles or feeders used for feeding the wild/feral animals and/or birds shall be designed to limit, to the extent possible, any excess spillage of seed and shall be of a size which does not exceed two feet in length by sixteen inches in width by sixteen inches in height. Such container, receptacle and/or feeder shall be installed at least three feet off the ground.

(3) There shall be no more than two containers, receptacles or feeders used for feeding wild/feral animals and/or birds per residential lot of record. However, one additional container, receptacle or feeder shall be allowed for every 3,750 square feet of lot area beyond the minimum residential lot size of 7,500 square feet.

(4) No container, receptacle or feeder used for feeding wild/feral animals and/or birds shall be located within fifteen feet of any residential building (house, condominium, townhouse, two-flat, apartment building) other than the residential building located on the same lot as said container, receptacle or feeder, nor shall any such feeder be located within five feet of any lot line. Further, no such container, receptacle or feeder shall be erected in a required front yard, as defined in Chapter 1240 of the separately published Planning and Zoning Code of the City.

(d) Nuisance Declared. It is hereby declared to be a nuisance for any person to engage in the feeding of wild/feral animals and/or birds other than in full compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

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