Chapter 91. Animals

Article V. Wildlife Feeding

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[1] Editor's Note: This ordinance also provided for the redesignation of former Art. V, Penalties, as Art. VI. Former § 91-33, Violations and penalties, was also renumbered as § 91-37 pursuant to Ord. No. 07-665.

§ 91-33. Purpose.

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

§ 91-34. Definitions and word usage.

For the purpose of this article, 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.

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.

PERSON
Any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association or political subdivision of this state subject to municipal jurisdiction.

WILDLIFE
All animals that are neither human nor domesticated. The definition of "wildlife" shall include, but not be limited to, the following: exotic animal, nondomesticated animal and nondomesticated farm animal as set forth in Article IV above.

§ 91-35. Prohibited conduct.

No person shall feed, in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the Township of Cedar Grove, any wildlife, excluding confined wildlife (for example, wildlife confined in zoos, parks or rehabilitation centers, unconfined wildlife at environmental education centers, or feral cats as part of an approved trap-neuter-release program).

§ 91-36. Enforcement.

A. This article shall be enforced by the Police Department, Health Department, and Code Enforcement Department of the Township of Cedar Grove.
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B. Any person found to be in violation of this article shall be ordered to cease the feeding immediately.