



Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

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Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 12/11/23 06:30 PM

2023 ORDINANCE NEW ORDINANCE

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2023 ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 134 - ANIMALS - WILDLIFE FEEDING

SECTION 1. Purpose:

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

Feeding of wildlife such as aquatic fish and waterfowl can lead to an overpopulation along stream banks and ponds. Overpopulation will result in an increase of animal droppings, fish kills and disease when human food is not appropriate to a species. This ultimately leads to excessive pollution in the waterway including large accumulation of fecal coliform and potentially diseased wildlife carcasses that degrade the quality of the township's streams and ponds.

SECTION 2. 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 consistent 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. Wildlife shall include, but not be limited to waterfowl, migratory birds, aquatic wildlife, such as fish, turtles and amphibians.

SECTION 3. Prohibited Conduct:

- No person shall feed, in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the 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).

- It shall be unlawful for any reason to feed any migratory or resident waterfowl or wildlife on any private or public land within the Township.

- It shall be unlawful to create any condition or allow any condition to exist which results in a congregation or congestion of migratory or resident waterfowl or wildlife within the Township which:
 - a. Results in an accumulation of feces or droppings,

 - b. Results in damage to flora, fauna or private or public property

 - c. Results in a threat or nuisance to the public health, safety, or welfare, or

 - d. Results in a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of said migratory or resident waterfowl or wildlife.

This chapter shall not be applicable to residential bird feeders.

SECTION 4. Enforcement:

- a. Any person found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be ordered to cease the feeding immediately.

- b. Any person who violates any provision of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to the penalty as provided in § 1-15, General penalty, of this Code.

SECTION 5. All ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby amended.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

ALL OF WHICH IS ADOPTED this 11th day of December 2023, by the Township of Bloomfield Town Council.

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Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.

Director of Law-Township Attorney

I hereby certify that the above ordinance was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on December 11, 2023.

Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

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