

**TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL
ORDINANCE NO. 23-15**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, ENTITLED "PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee, of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the Municipal Code of the Township of East Amwell is hereby amended as follows: Adjustments and new language are underlined thus and deletions are indicated with strikethroughs ~~thus~~:

§ 106-7 Violations and penalties. is hereby amended to read as follows:

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~~The penalty for violation of any of the provisions of this chapter unless otherwise provided by law shall be one or more of the following: a fine not to exceed \$1,000, a term of imprisonment of not to exceed 90 days, or a period of community service not to exceed 90 days.~~

§ 106-7 Prohibiting Wildlife Feeding on Public Property.

§ 106-7.1. 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 East Amwell, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

§ 106-7.2. 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 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.

§ 106-7.3. Prohibited Conduct. a. No person shall feed, in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the Township of East Amwell, 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).

§ 106-8. The balance of this Chapter shall remain unchanged.

§ 106-9. Enforcement. The provisions of this Article shall be enforced by the Police Department and/or other Municipal Officials of the Township of East Amwell.

§ 106-9.1. Violations and Penalty. 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 \$2,000; and/or up to 90 days community service; and/or up to 90 days imprisonment.

§ 106-9.2. Severability. Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

§ 106-9.3. Effective date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

INTRODUCED/PASSED ON FIRST READING: *October 12, 2023*

ROLL CALL VOTE				
COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
DENDIS	✓			
MILLS	✓			
RAMSEY	✓			
DI PIRRO	✓			
CASPER-BLOOM	✓			

PUBLISHED: *October 19, 2023*


ADOPTED: *November 9, 2023*

ROLL CALL VOTE				
COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
DENDIS	✓			
MILLS	✓			
RAMSEY	✓			
DI PIRRO	✓			
CASPER-BLOOM	✓			

ATTEST:



Linda Giliberti, RMC
Township Clerk



Jenna Casper-Bloom
Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey at their meeting held in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, NJ 08551.

Linda Giliberti, RMC
Township Clerk