

## **Order 2026-#058A**

*Chapter 117 Animals* is amended as follows to add Article V Feeding of Wild Animals and/or Wildlife

### **Article V Feeding of Wild Animals and/or Wildlife.**

#### **§117-20 Prohibition of Feeding of wild animals and/or wildlife.**

- A. No person shall intentionally feed, bait, or in any manner provide access to food to any wild animal or birds within the city of Beverly on lands either publicly or privately owned. Birds shall only be fed from bird feeders.
- B. No person shall leave or store any refuse, garbage, food product, pet food, pet waste, forage product or supplement, salt, seed or birdseed, fruit, or grain in a manner that would constitute an attractant to any wild animal or bird.
- C. After being advised ordered by the city to undertake remedial action, no person shall fail to take remedial action to avoid contact or conflict with wild animals. Remedial action may include the securing or removal of outdoor trash, cooking grills, pet food, pet waste, bird feeders or any other similar food source or attractant. Further, after an initial contact or conflict with a wild animal, no person shall continue to provide, or otherwise fail to secure or remove, any likely food sources or attractants, including but not limited to outdoor trash, grills, pet food, pet waste, or bird feeders.
- D. Notwithstanding any of the above, any action that is officially sanctioned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or other governmental agency that requires or licenses the feeding, baiting, or luring nuisance wildlife for management purposes, scientific projects, or study is exempt from the requirements of this Article.

#### **§117-21 Enforcement**

- A. The Department of Animal Control shall enforce the provisions of this chapter.
- B. Violations of this chapter shall be enforceable under the noncriminal disposition procedures established by MGL c. 40, § 21D. The noncriminal disposition penalties for any person violating this article shall be a written warning for the first violation; \$50 for the second violation; \$100 for the third violation; and \$300 for each subsequent violation. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

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