

**BOROUGH OF WRIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AMENDING THE BOROUGH
OF WRIGHTSTOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADOPT AND ESTABLISH
NEW CHAPTER 216 “WILDLIFE FEEDING” IN THE CODE
OF THE BOROUGH OF WRIGHTSTOWN**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New Jersey has, in N.J.S.A. 40:48 et seq and N.J.S.A. 40:55D et seq., conferred upon local governments the authority to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s 2023 Tier A MS4 NJPDES permit renewal requires permittees to, at a minimum, adopt and enforce a community-wide ordinance to regulate the feeding of unconfined wildlife in any public park or Borough-owned property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightstown finds that it is in the best interests of the Borough to adopt the required ordinances to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WRIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. New Chapter 216 entitled “Wildlife Feeding” is hereby created as attached hereto as Schedule “A” and made a part hereof.

Section 2. All other provisions of the Code currently in effect, are hereby saved from revision, and shall remain in full force and effect;

Section 3. If any provision of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this ordinance.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be effective as of the date hereof and shall remain in force until modified, amended or rescinded by Borough of Wrightstown, Burlington County, New Jersey.

NOTICE

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightstown held on March 27, 2024. It will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing at the regular meeting to be held on

April 24, 2024, at the Borough Hall, 21 Saylor's Pond Road, Wrightstown, New Jersey at 6:30 P.M. at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given an opportunity to be heard.

FREDA H. GORMAN, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Introduction/First Reading March 27, 2024

Motion: Mrs. Carroll

Second: Mrs. Knapp

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mr. Bird, Mr. Bushnell, Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Craig, Mrs. Knapp, Mr. Lownds

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Second Reading/Public Hearing April 24, 2024

Motion: Mrs. Carroll

Second: Mr. Bushnell

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mr. Bird, Mr. Bushnell, Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Craig, Mrs. Knapp, Mr. Lownds

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

DONALD COTTRELL
Mayor

CERTIFICATION

The aforementioned Ordinance Number 2024-06 was finally adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightstown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, after Second Reading and Public Hearing at their Regular Meeting held on April 24, 2024.

FREDA H. GORMAN, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Dated: April 24, 2024

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SCHEDULE "A"
NEW CHAPTER 216
WILDLIFE FEEDING

§216-1. Purpose:

An ordinance to prohibit the feeding of unconfined wildlife in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the Borough of Wrightstown to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

§216-2. 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" means to distribute or scatter any edible material with the intention of feeding or attracting wildlife. Feeding does not include baiting in the legal taking of fish and/or game.
- B. "Person" means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- C. "Wildlife" means any undomesticated animal and includes all organisms that live wild in an area.

§216-3. Regulated Activities:

No person shall feed, in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the Borough of Wrightstown, any wildlife.

§216-4. Exemptions:

Exemptions include unconfined wildlife at environmental education centers and feral cats as part of an approved Trap-Neuter-Release program.

§216-5. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Borough Zoning Officer or Code Enforcement Officer.

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

§216-6. Violations and Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$500.00.