

VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD
ORDINANCE NO. 2965

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 105, BY ADDING ARTICLE VIII "WILDLIFE FEEDING"
OF
THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Ridgewood:

Section 1. Purpose: An Ordinance to establish requirements to prohibit the feeding of unconfined wildlife in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the Village of Ridgewood so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

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 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 the baiting in the legal taking of fish and/or game in accordance with applicable regulations.
- B. Wildlife – All animals that are neither human nor domesticated.
- C. Person – Any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

Section 3. Prohibited acts and conduct:

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to feed, in any public park or on any other real property owned or operated by the Village of Ridgewood, any wildlife.

Section 4. Enforcement: The provisions of this Ordinance shall be enforced by the Village of Ridgewood Police Department, and/or the Construction Official, and/or the Health Department Sanitarian, and/or the Director of Public Works or his/her designated representative.

Section 5. Penalties: 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 one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per violation. Chapter 105 of the Code of the Village of Ridgewood shall be modified by the addition of Article VIII by this Ordinance to establish a minimum fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and a maximum fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per violation.

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.

Section 6. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

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FOR AFFIRMANCE: Councilmembers: Harlow, Mancuso, Ringler Shagin,
Wiest and Mayor Pfund

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Introduction Date: November 9, 2005

Adoption Date: December 14, 2005

Effective Date: January 3, 2006



David T. Pfund, Mayor

ATTEST:



Heather A. Mailander, Village Clerk