

BIRD/WILDLIFE FEEDING: The purpose of this section is to prohibit excessive feeding of wildlife and birds as to create a disturbance, nuisance, public health or unsightly condition by placing of large amounts of bird feed, grain, or other food on the ground, as this can present a health, safety and welfare concern and create unsightly conditions, and large concentrations of wild life, noise and other disturbances.

The prohibition contained herein shall apply to all residential districts and any portion of a commercial or industrial district within 300 feet of a residential district.

Excessive feeding of bird and wildlife in residential area has an unreasonable adverse effect on the use and enjoyment of neighboring residential properties. The provisions herein are intended to curb such adverse effect by prohibiting excessive wild life and bird feeding and bird feeders

Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section.

Excessive Feeding: means of spreading, casting, laying, depositing or dumping of feed on any property, other than as permitted by this ordinance.

Feed: Any material, including but not limited to bird seed, bird feed, corn, bread crumbs, food scraps, domestic animal food, or any similar substance which can be utilized for consumption by wild/feral mammals and or birds to provide nourishment.

Hanging Feeder: Feeders designed for suspension from a post or other stationary object, such as hoppers, tube feeders, window feeders and post mounted feeders. The majority of the feed remains enclosed within the feeder.

Platform Feeders: Feeders designed for open placement of feed generally intended for consumption by ground feeding species. A minimum one-inch lip shall encompass all platform feeders. A maximum total of one pound of feed shall be present on any platform type feeder. All platform type feeds must be located at least 10 feet inside the property line.

Wild feral animal or bird: any mammal or bird not generally considered domesticated, such as but not limited to squirrel, chipmunk, rat, mouse rabbit, raccoon, opossum, skunk.

Prohibition

No excessive bird seed, grain, nuts, crumbs, scraps or any form of bird food or other food intended to attract and feed bird or other wild life shall be thrown or scattered on the ground of any property. Ground feeding is prohibited except contained in an approved platform feeder.

No person shall dispense, feed or otherwise make available to any species of wild life, including birds, either on their property or property of another, any type or amount of food in a manner that:

- a. Creates an unclean, unsafe or unsightly condition*
- b. Results in an excessive accumulation of droppings, feces and or feathers.*
- c. Attracts excessive wildlife, vermin or pest.*
- d. Creates unreasonable disturbance*
- e. Constitutes a private or public disturbance*

Permitted: Feeding of birds/wildlife is permitted in containers as follows:

A. Permitted bird feeder shall be either:

- a. a tube or cylinder type feeder hung from a tree or pole
- b. a hopper type feeder which shall be no larger than 12 inches in width and height, fully enclosed on all sides with openings of no more than ½ inch in size.

B. Bird feeders shall be hung no less than three feet and no more than eight feet from the ground. They shall be filled with no more than 10 ounces of bird feed or bird food at any time to be placed inside the feeder only. Ground feeding is prohibited.

C. The maximum number of feeders per lot shall be as follows;

- a. Hanging feeders – four
- b. Suet feeders – two
- c. Water dispensers – two
- d. Platform feeders – one

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