

**Borough of Pennington
Ordinance # 2006-12**

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF UNCONFINED WILDLIFE
IN ANY PUBLIC PARK OR OTHER PROPERTY OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE
BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 67 OF THE
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pennington, in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare, seeks to prohibit the feeding of unconfined wildlife in its public parks and other properties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, as follows:

1. Chapter 67 of the Borough Code is hereby amended by the addition of new Article IV, comprised of the following new sections:

(a) As used in this article, the following terms have the meanings indicated:

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.

PERSON – Any person, firm or partnership, corporation, association, club, society or any other form of association or organization, both singular and plural, subject to the jurisdiction of the Borough.

WILDLIFE – All undomesticated animals.

(b) No person shall feed, in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the Borough, any unconfined wildlife. Examples of confined wildlife include wildlife confined in zoos, parks or rehabilitation centers, wildlife held at environmental education centers, and feral cats detained as part of an approved Trap-Neuter-Release program.

(c) Any person observed to be feeding wildlife in violation of this ordinance shall be ordered to cease the feeding immediately, and such person shall be subject to a fine as set forth in Section 67-23 of this chapter. A fine not to exceed \$50 for the first offense is recommended, in the absence of aggravating circumstances.

2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk

James Benton, Mayor