

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
ORDINANCE 2013-1**

**ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF DEER ON LANDS EITHER
PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY OWNED IN THE BOROUGH, AMENDING
CHAPTER 67, ARTICLE IV, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF
PENNINGTON**

WHEREAS, Pennington Borough remains concerned about the significant impact of the growth of the white-tailed deer population inhabiting the Pennington area, including deer/vehicle collisions, Lyme disease, the reduction or elimination of native plant materials and habitat for other wild animals, the erosion of stream banks, and damage to ornamental plantings within the community; and

WHEREAS, the feeding of deer has been shown to increase the concentration of deer in the area of feeding, thereby increasing the likelihood of deer/vehicle collisions, the numbers of nymphal deer ticks and damage to vegetation and landscaping in that area and nearby;

WHEREAS, the feeding of deer is counter to the Borough's goal of reducing the local deer population and its adverse impact on the community; and

WHEREAS, the feeding of deer also can be detrimental to the overall health and well-being of the deer;

WHEREAS, Chapter 67, Article IV, of the Code of the Borough of Pennington presently prohibits the feeding of unconfined wildlife in public parks and on other property owned or operated by the Borough, Borough Council now seeks to extend the prohibition on feeding deer to private property as well;

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

1. Section 67-25 of the Code of the Borough of Pennington is hereby amended to read:

“A. 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.

B. No person shall purposely or knowingly, as said terms are defined in Title 2C of the New Jersey Revised Statutes, feed wild white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) on lands either publicly or privately owned within the Borough of Pennington.”

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

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk

Anthony Persichilli, Mayor