

ORDINANCE #2024-9

“AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF UNCONFINED WILDLIFE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBGROVE”

Section I. Purpose:

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

Section II. 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 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 baiting in the legal taking of fish and/or game.
- b. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- c. Wildlife – all animals that are neither human nor domesticated.

Section III. Prohibited Conduct:

- a. No person shall feed, in any public park or any other property owned or operated by the Township of Upper Pittsgrove, any wildlife, excluding confined wildlife (for example wildlife confined in zoos, parks or rehabilitation centers, or unconfined wildlife at environmental education centers, or feral cats as part of an approved Trap-Neuter-Release program

SECTION IV. Enforcement:

The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning Official.

Section V. Violations and Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).

Section VI. Severability:

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 VII. Effective date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

Dated: April 9, 2024**BY: Edward J. Meschi****ATTEST: Linda R. Stephens, RMC
Township Clerk**

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Pittsgrove in the County of Salem and State of New Jersey on the 9th day of April, 2024 and will be considered for final passage after a public hearing to be held by said Township Committee at Township Hall, Pole Tavern, New Jersey on the 14th day of May, 2024 at 7:00P.M.

**Linda R. Stephens, RMC
Township Clerk**