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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD
ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 197, "WILDLIFE FEEDING" OF THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 197, "Wildlife Feeding", of the Code of the Township of West Deptford be and is hereby established, as follows:

§197-1. 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 West Deptford, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

§197-2. 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.

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 individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

WILDLIFE – all animals that are neither human nor domesticated.

§197-3. Prohibited conduct.

No person shall feed, in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the Township of West Deptford, any wildlife, excluding confined wildlife (for example, wildlife confined in zoos, parks or rehabilitation centers, or unconfined wildlife at environmental education centers).

§197-4. Enforcement.

This ordinance shall be enforced by the West Deptford Township Police Department and/or the Township's Code Enforcement Officer.

Any person found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be ordered to cease the feeding immediately.

§197-5. Violations and 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 \$500.00.

§197-6. 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.

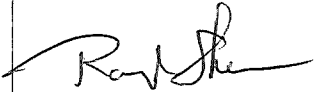
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD

By: _____

ANNA DOCIMO, Mayor

ATTEST:



RAYMOND L. SHERMAN, Clerk

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading on the 6th day of April, 2006, at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford and will be taken up for final consideration and passage at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford to be held on the 4th day of May, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 400 Crown Point Road, Thorofare, New Jersey.

RAYMOND L. SHERMAN, Clerk