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Date Adopted

Committee
Economic Development
Public Works

[Signature]
Salem County Counsel

August 14, 2019

RESOLUTION ADOPTING COUNTY POLICY PROHIBITING WILDLIFE FEEDING ON PROPERTY OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE COUNTY OF SALEM

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has established the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge System Rules, N.J.A.C. 7:14-A and the Stormwater Permitting Program in response to the requirements mandated under the Federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S. C. § 1251 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has mandated that each County adopt a Policy Prohibiting "WILDLIFE FEEDING" on publicly owned property; and

WHEREAS, the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders has determined that in order to promote the goals established under the Federal Clean Water Act and the State of New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and the Stormwater Permitting Program that the County adopt a Policy and Procedure Prohibiting Wildlife Feeding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the attached "POLICY AND PROCEDURE PROHIBITNG WILDLIFE FEEDING" be and is hereby adopted.

[Signature]
CHARLES V. HASSLER, Freeholder
Chair, Economic Development/ Public Works Committee

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Salem on Wednesday, August 14, 2019.

[Signature]
STACY PENNINGTON
Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE

FREEHOLDER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RESOLUTION MOVED	RESOLUTION SECONDED
G. Ostrum, Jr.	✓					✓
C. Hassler	✓				✓	
L. Ware	✓					
R.S. Griscom	✓					
B. Laury				✓		

✓ Indicates Vote

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SALEM COUNTY

PROHIBITION OF WILDLIFE FEEDING

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Adopted On: August 14, 2019
Adopted By: **Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders**
By Resolution No.: 2019-293

I. Purpose:

A policy and procedure to prohibit the feeding of unconfined wildlife, on any property owned or operated by the County of Salem, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this resolution, 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.

- a. County Road - any road or other thoroughfare operated by Salem County (including a maintenance facility or rest area for such a thoroughfare). For purposes of this policy and procedure, a "road or other thoroughfare" does not include:

1. Any thoroughfare confined to the grounds of one or more buildings; or
 2. Any thoroughfare confined to a park or recreational area operated by Salem County.
- b. 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.
 - c. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to county jurisdiction.
 - d. Wildlife – all animals that are neither human nor domesticated.

III. Prohibited Conduct:

No person shall feed, on any property owned or operated by Salem County, any wildlife, excluding confined wildlife (for example, wildlife confined in zoos, parks or rehabilitation centers, or unconfined wildlife at environmental education centers).

IV. Enforcement:

The provisions of this Policy and Procedure shall be enforceable by any local or State police officer.

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

V. Violations and Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this Policy and Procedure shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$100.00.

VI. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Policy and Procedure is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Policy and Procedure to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Policy and Procedure.

VII. Effective date:

This Policy and Procedure shall be in full force and effect from and after the adoption and any publication as may be required by law, of the resolution entitled: RESOLUTION PROHIBITING WILDLIFE FEEDING ON PROPERTY OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE COUNTY OF SALEM.