

**BOROUGH OF LODI  
COUNTY OF BERGEN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 606-21**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF UNCONFINED WILDLIFE IN ANY PUBLIC PARK OR ON ANY OTHER PROPERTY OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE BOROUGH OF LODI, SO AS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, AND TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lodi as follows:

**SECTION I. 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 Ordinance 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. 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 II. Prohibited Conduct:**

No person shall feed, in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the Borough of Lodi, or in any parking or other areas in the Borough of Lodi which service commercial establishments, 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 III. Enforcement:**

- a. This ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Department of the Borough of Lodi and such other persons as the mayor and Council shall charge with enforcement authority.

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

**SECTION IV. 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 less than \$250 and not more than \$1,250 in the discretion of the Municipal Court Judge.

**SECTION V. 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 VI. Effective date:**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect 10 days from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

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