

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 11-2009**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER III OF THE CODE OF THE  
BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AND MORE  
PARTICULARLY SECTION 3-19 THEREOF ENTITLED WILDLIFE FEEDING**

**WHEREAS**, the feeding of wild and stray animals in the Borough of Ramsey contributes to unsanitary and unhealthy conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the feeding of wild and stray animals contributes to conditions of overpopulation; and

**WHEREAS**, the overpopulation of wild and stray animals is a potential hazard to the health of persons in the Borough of Ramsey, and may subject human beings to exposure to communicable diseases, including rabies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey that Chapter III of the Code of the Borough, and more particularly Section 3-19 thereof entitled Wildlife Feeding be and hereby is amended and supplemented as follows:

**Section I     3-19.1 Purpose.**

The purpose of this section is to prohibit the feeding of unconfined wildlife in the Borough of Ramsey, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

**3-19.2 Definitions.**

For the purpose of this section, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this section clearly demonstrates 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* shall mean 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* shall mean any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- c) *Wildlife* shall mean all animals that are neither human nor domesticated and shall include but not be limited pigeons, waterfowl, raccoons, skunks or groundhogs.

d) *Stray Animal* shall include any dog or cat that is not licensed to a Ramsey resident pursuant to the Code of the Borough of Ramsey, and kept and maintained on the resident's property.

### **3-19.3 Prohibited Conduct.**

No person shall place food intended or suitable for consumption by wildlife or stray animals on any property, public or private, in the Borough of Ramsey.

This prohibition shall not apply to enclosed, elevated bird feeders.

### **3-19.4 Enforcement.**

This section shall be enforced by the Police Department of the Borough of Ramsey.

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

### **3-19.5 Violations and Penalties.**

Any person that shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, for each offense, pay a penalty of not less than \$250.00 or more than \$500.00 for the first offense, and a penalty of not less than \$1,000.00 or more than \$1,500.00 for second and subsequent offenses, or imprisonment or community service for a period not exceeding 90 days.

### **3-19.6 Severability.**

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

## **Section II Repealer.**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinance inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflicts.

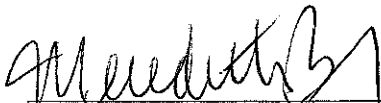
## **Section III Effective Date.**

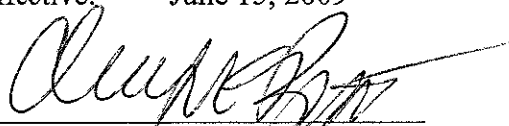
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

Introduced: May 27, 2009

Passed: June 10, 2009

Effective: June 15, 2009

  
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Meredith Bendian, Clerk

  
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Christopher C. Botta, Mayor