

City of Somers Point
Ordinance
No. 8 of 2018

An Ordinance of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic,
New Jersey Amending Chapter 120 of the Code of the City of Somers Point
by Adding Article IX Concerning the Feeding of Wildlife.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Somers Point as follows:

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 City of Somers Point, 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 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 III. Prohibited Conduct

- a. No person shall feed, in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by City of Somers Point, any wildlife, excluding confined wildlife (for example, wildlife confined in zoos, parks or rehabilitation centers, or unconfined wildlife at environmental education centers).

SECTION IV. Enforcement

- a. This ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Department of the City of Somers Point.
- b. Any person found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be ordered to cease the feeding immediately.

SECTION V. Violations and Penalties

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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.

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

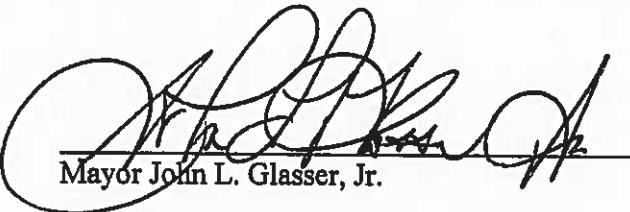
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

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Publication 8/11/2018



Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr.