

RESOLUTION PROHIBITING WILDLIFE FEEDING ON PROPERTY OWNED AND OPERATED BY CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NJPDDES) Rules and the New Jersey Stormwater Permitting Program, and in response to the requirements mandated under the Federal Clean Water Act, the Camden County Board of Commissioners desires to institute certain rules and regulations prohibiting the feeding of any wildlife (e.g. Canada Geese) on any property owned or operated by Camden County including but not limited to county roadways, county parks, and county facilities, in order to protect public health, safety and welfare and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply; and

WHEREAS, 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 Section 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 Facility – any roadway or other thoroughfare, park, maintenance facility, storage yard, stormwater facility, etc., owned by Camden 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 (including but not limited to County employees, visitors to County facilities, or other County officers, agents or employees), corporation, company, partnership, firm,

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association, or political subdivision of this State subject to Camden County jurisdiction;

D. Wildlife – all animals that are neither human nor domesticated.

and

WHEREAS, no person shall feed any wildlife on any facility or property owned and operated by Camden County, exclusions include wildlife confined in zoos, parks or rehabilitation centers as well as the following unconfined animals: (1) wildlife at environmental education centers; (2) feral cats as part of an approved Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) Program and (3) other kinds of unconfined animals, if any, specifically noted in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of this Resolution shall be enforceable by any Municipal, County, or State Police officer, and any person found to be in violation of this Resolution shall be ordered to cease the feeding immediately and shall be subject to a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00); and

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Camden County Board of Commissioners that it does hereby authorize this Resolution in compliance with Camden County's Stormwater Permit NJPDES R12 – Highway Agency Stormwater General Permit.

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