

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-425	Meeting:	October 4, 2021
	Agenda Item:	54	Roll Call:	21-1522
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Chapter 18, feeding of wild animals prohibited.

SYNOPSIS:

The ordinance would prohibit the feeding of wild animals in the City to protect public parks and private properties.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The intent of this article is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community and its wildlife by prohibiting the feeding of wild animals and waterfowl on public and private property in the City. The feeding of waterfowl and other wild animals increases the potential for damage to public parks and private property. It also elevates the potential for the spread of disease in people and companion animals. In addition, it is the intent of this article to protect the welfare of the waterfowl and wild animals themselves. Wildlife studies have shown that feeding waterfowl and other wild animals can interrupt their normal migration patterns, can make them more aggressive in demanding food, cause nutritional problems, expose them to danger by eliminating their natural fear of predators, and promote the spread of diseases and disease-carrying parasites. The ordinance will allow feeding of songbirds and backyard birds if the feed is placed so that it is protected from access by other wildlife. Violators could be subject to a misdemeanor or a civil penalty.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 27, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-1260](#) and [09-1261](#)

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code, regarding the keeping and care of agricultural non-domestic animals and exotic animals in the newly annexed areas. ([Council Communication No. 09-463](#)) Moved by Kiernan that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Hensley.

(A) [Final](#) consideration of ordinance above, (waiver requested by Community Development Director), requires six votes. Moved by Kiernan that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, [#14,866](#). Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Hensley.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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