

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE
OF THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON BY
ADDING CHAPTER XVI, WILDLIFE FEEDING**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey.

SECTION 1. That Chapter XVI, Section 6, Wildlife Feeding, be added to read as follows:

§ 16-6.1. Purpose:

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 Rumson, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

§ 16-6.2. 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, 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.

§ 16-6.3. Prohibited Conduct:

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

§ 16-6.4. Enforcement:

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

§ 16-6.5. 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 to exceed \$100 for each separate offense.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon the final passage and publication according to law.

Introduced: November 10, 2005.

Passed and Approved: December 1, 2005.

I hereby approve of the
passing of this ordinance.

John E. Ekdahl
Mayor

Attest:

Thomas S. Rogers
Borough Clerk/Administrator