

ARTICLE VI Wildlife Feeding

§ 233-28. Purpose.

An Article to prohibit the feeding of unconfined wildlife in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the Township of Middletown, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

§ 233-29. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Article, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Article 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.

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.

WILDLIFE — All animals that are neither human nor domesticated.

§ 233-30. Prohibited conduct.

No person shall feed, in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the Township of Middletown, the County of Monmouth, the State of New Jersey or the United States Government, any wildlife, excluding confined wildlife (for example, wildlife confined in zoos, parks or rehabilitation centers, or unconfined wildlife at environmental education centers, or feral cats as part of an approved Trap-Neuter-Release program).

§ 233-31. Enforcement.

A. This Article shall be enforced by the Police Department and/or other Township enforcement officials.

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

§ 233-32. Violations and penalties.

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this Article shall be subject to a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.).