

TOWNSHIP OF DOWNE  
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-7

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING WILDLIFE FEEDING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DOWNE,  
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**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 Township of Downe, 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 the Township of Downe, 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).

**SECTION IV. Enforcement:**

- a. This ordinance shall be enforced by the New Jersey State Police Port Norris Barricks and the Code Enforcement Officer of the Township of Downe.
- b. Any person found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be ordered to cease the feeding immediately.

**SECTION V. 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 \$1,000.00.


**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 take effect immediately after final adoption and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:

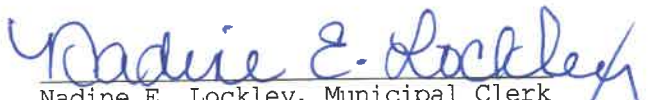
  
Nadine E. Lockley, Municipal Clerk

  
Michael L. Rothman, Mayor

STATE OF NEW JERSEY :  
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COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND :

Please take notice that the above Ordinance was adopted after a Public Hearing at a meeting of the Downe Township Committee on the 11th day of December, 2023 at the Downe Township Municipal Building in Newport, New Jersey.

ATTEST

  
Nadine E. Lockley, Municipal Clerk



**TOWNSHIP OF DOWNE  
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RECORD FOR ORDINANCE # 2023-7**

**Introduce Ordinance on First Reading**

**Motion: CAMPBELL**

**Second: BYRNE**

Introduce Ordinance / First Reading Date: November 13, 2023

Ordinance Published: November 17, 2023

Ordinance Posted: November 13, 2023

Public Hearing / Second Reading Date: December 11, 2023

| ROLL CALL    | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| Jordan, L.   | X   |    |         |        |
| Byrne, S.    | X   |    |         |        |
| Rothman, M.  | X   |    |         |        |
| Bart, E.     |     |    |         | X      |
| Campbell, R. | X   |    |         |        |

**Adoption of Ordinance**

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| ROLL CALL    | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| Bart, E.     | X   |    |         |        |
| Campbell, R. | X   |    |         |        |

Final Adoption Date: December 11, 2023

Notice of Final Passage Published: December 19, 2023

Notice of Final Passage Posted: December 11, 2023

December 11, 2023

Date

Nadine E. Lockley  
Nadine E. Lockley, Municipal Clerk