

ARTICLE VI
Wildlife Feeding
[Adopted by Ord. No. 2005-7]

§ 95-28. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to prohibit the feeding of unconfined wildlife in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the Township of Ocean, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

§ 95-29. Definitions.

For the purpose of this article, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated in this section, 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. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

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.

PERSON — Any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this state subject to municipal jurisdiction.

WILDLIFE — All animals that are neither human nor domesticated.

§ 95-30. Prohibited conduct.

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

§ 95-31. Enforcement.

- A. This article shall be enforced by the Police Department and/or Code Enforcement Officer of the Township of Ocean.
- B. Any person found to be in violation of this article shall be ordered to cease the feeding immediately.

§ 95-32. 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 \$1,250.