

ORDINANCE #708
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND MARQUETTE CITY CODE
CHAPTER 8 – ANIMALS, IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT THE
FEEDING OF WILDLIFE

INTENT

The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit the feeding of wild animals in the City, and to thus limit the consequences of such feeding.

The City of Marquette Ordains:

SECTION 2. Adoption.


New Chapter 8 – Animals, Sec. 8-16. – Feeding certain wild animals is hereby adopted as follows:

Sec. 8-16. – Feeding certain wild animals.

- (a) *Purpose.* The city shall control the feeding of certain wild animals within the city as the practice may cause unsustainable growth, intensify wild animal population densities, decrease the overall health of the animals, increase the probability and occurrence of transmission of diseases to humans within the area, and actively encourage the presence of an urban wild animal population that aggravates other property impacts.
- (b) *Feeding Prohibited.* Except as provided for in Chapter 54 of this Code, no person shall intentionally feed, cause to be fed, provide, or make available food or other substances intended for consumption to any animal other than a Domestic Pet as defined by Sec. 8-2 of this Code within the city, either on private or public property.
- (c) *Exceptions.* The prohibitions in this section shall not apply to:
 - (1) Naturally growing vegetation or its seed, planted vegetation growing in yards or flower beds for landscaping, or planted vegetation for human consumption in gardens.
 - (2) Straw, hay or similar materials used for erosion control, mulching, gardening or landscaping purposes.
 - (3) Bird seed, grain, or corn; if contained in an elevated bird feeder and not deposited in a manner that could be reasonably interpreted as a violation of the feeding prohibitions in this section.
 - (4) Public employees acting within the scope of their authority for purposes of public health or safety or wildlife management purposes.

SECTION 3. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect ten days after adoption but not before publication.



Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor



Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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