

**BOROUGH OF CORAOPOLIS
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 1797**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE BOROUGH OF CORAOPOLIS,
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF CORAOPOLIS
RELATING TO ANIMALS, SPECIFICALLY
ESTABLISHING THE PROHIBITION OF THE FEEDING
OF WILD ANIMALS AND FURTHER PROVIDING
ENFORCEMENT PENALTIES.**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Council of the Borough of Coraopolis, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby Ordained and Enacted that the Coraopolis Borough Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE VII. PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF WILD ANIMALS

Section 1. Purpose

The Council of the Borough of Coraopolis finds that the feeding of unconfined wild animals is detrimental to the animals, causes a public health nuisance, and a safety hazard that is detrimental to the general health, safety, and general welfare of the public.

Section 2. Definitions

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

“Feed” or “Feeding” means the act of furnishing, exposing, placing, depositing, distributing or scattering, whether intentionally or negligently, any food or substance of any kind which is likely to attract, lure, or entice wild animals.

“Person” shall mean any individual, owner, occupier, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, club, society, or any other form of association or organization subject to the jurisdiction of the Borough of Coraopolis.

“Wild animal” shall mean any species of animal wild by nature, as distinguished from the common domesticated animals. A wild animal is one that can survive in its natural environment without the help or assistance of humans, including but not limited to raccoons, bears, coyotes, deer, foxes, groundhogs, opossums, skunks, birds, and waterfowl.

Section 3. Prohibited Conduct

It shall be unlawful for any person, or any agent thereof to feed wild animals upon public property or private property. It shall further be unlawful to authorize or aid or abet any other person to feed wild animals upon public or private property.

Section 4. Exclusion

A. The feeding of small songbirds shall be permitted outdoors at such times and in such numbers that:

1. Such feeding does not create an unreasonable disturbance that affects the rights of surrounding property owners and/or creates a nuisance;

2. Does not create an accumulation of droppings on the property or surrounding properties in violation of health and safety ordinances.

3. Does not become an attractant for rodents, wild animals.

B. Bird feeders or other mechanical devices for feeding small birds shall be placed at least five (5) feet above the ground and utilized so as to not be an attractant to wild animals.

C. The feeding of wildlife is permitted within confined zoos, educational and environmental centers or federally protected wildlife reserves.

D. Baiting wild animals for the purpose of the removal or abatement of nuisance wild animals on private or public property.

Section 5. Enforcement

A. Police officers, animal control officers, code enforcement officers, or any other designated and authorized personnel of the Borough of Coraopolis are hereby given full power and authority to enforce this ordinance.

B. The designated animal control officer may seize any wild animal at large or running at large within the Borough limits to the annoyance or inconvenience of the residents or pedestrians or operators of motor vehicles. Said wild animal shall be taken and impounded in a place provided for said purpose. If the owner is known, or can be ascertained by a registration, the Borough shall notify that owner to reclaim said animal within a period of 48 hours after receiving notice to do so. If the owner is not known, or cannot be ascertained, or if the wild animal is not claimed within said 48 hour period, said wild animal shall be disposed of by the designated animal control officer.

C. Any person found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be ordered to immediately cease the feeding of wild animals, removing all food, substances or devices placed on the property in violation of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Penalties

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance, or fails to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, upon conviction thereof in action brought before the Magisterial District Judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offense under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 plus costs, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the Borough, and, in default of payment of said fines and costs, to a

term of imprisonment to the extent permitted by law for the punishment of summary offenses. A separate offense shall arise for each day or portion thereof in which a violation of this Ordinance is found to exist, or for each section of this Ordinance found to have been violated. The Borough may also commence appropriate actions in equity or other to prevent, restrain, correct, enjoin or abate violations of this Ordinance. All fines and penalties collected for violation of this Ordinance shall be paid to the Borough Manager.

Section 7. Severability

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such holding shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

Section 8. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

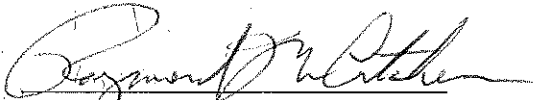
Section 9. Effective Date

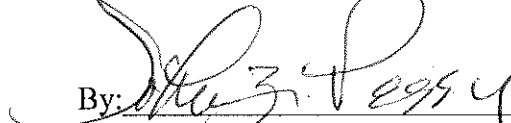
This Ordinance shall take full force and effect immediately upon passage and approval of same.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 13th day of April, 2016.


ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF CORAOPOLIS


Raymond McCutcheon
Borough Manager

By: 
John Z. Pessy, President
Borough Council

Examined and approved by the Mayor of the Borough of Coraopolis, this 13th day of April, 2016.


Anthony Celeste, Mayor