



ORDINANCE NO. 6056

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ALBANY MUNICIPAL CODE (AMC) TITLE 6 BY THE CREATION OF CHAPTER 6.16 TITLED WILDLIFE CONTROL

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is adding AMC Chapter 6.16, Wildlife Control, to address wildlife populations within the city; and

WHEREAS, the feeding of wildlife is extremely disruptive to the natural feeding habits of wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the intentional feeding of wildlife attracts predators and can result in wildlife being concentrated at artificial feeding areas, making them more susceptible to disease transmission; and

WHEREAS, wildlife concentrated at artificial feeding areas constitute a public nuisance;

NOW THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Amending AMC Title 6, Animals. AMC Title 6 is hereby amended to add Section 6.16 titled Wildlife Control:

**Sections:**

- 6.16.010 Definitions**
- 6.16.020 Feeding of Wildlife Prohibited**
- 6.16.030 Abatement**
- 6.16.040 Penalties**
- 6.16.050 Severability**

**6.16.010 Definitions.**

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

“City” – City of Albany

“Songbirds” – Any of many bird species in which the vocal organ is developed in such a way as to provide various sound notes commonly known as bird song.

“Waterfowl” – Any bird that frequents the water or lives around rivers, lakes, and other bodies of water, including, but not limited to, ducks, geese, swans, and herons.

“Wildlife” – Shall include any animal that is not normally domesticated including, but not limited to, nutria, coyotes, deer, foxes, groundhogs, opossums, raccoons, skunks, and turkeys.

**6.16.020 Feeding of Wildlife Prohibited.**

Feeding of wildlife within the city limits of Albany is declared a public nuisance and shall be prohibited at all times. Feeding of wildlife includes any manner by which a person allows food or other attractants to be given with the intent of attracting and/or feeding wildlife. Nothing contained in this ordinance shall prohibit the feeding of songbirds or waterfowl provided that the feed shall be contained in receptacles which are reasonably designed to avoid access by wildlife.

**6.16.030 Abatement.**

In the event that any part of the city is experiencing the presence of wildlife populations that threaten the health and welfare or endanger the property of Albany citizens, the City may take those steps authorized by the appropriate regulatory agency to disperse or otherwise control the offending wildlife.

**6.16.040 Penalties.**

Any person violating any of the provision of this chapter is subject to those penalties set forth in AMC 1.04.010.

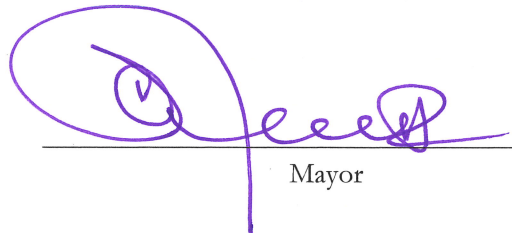
**6.16.050 Severability.**

Every section of this ordinance or subdivision or separate part thereof shall be considered a separate provision to the intent that if any portion shall be declared unconstitutional, it shall not affect the remaining parts of this ordinance.

Passed by the Council: 11/6/24

Approved by the Mayor: 11/6/24

Effective Date: 12/6/24

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

