

**CHAPTER 6****INTENTIONAL DEER FEEDING****SECTION**

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**10-601. Purpose.** The legislation is designed to protect, preserve, and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City through the prohibition of intentional feeding of deer within the City limits as part of a comprehensive strategy to eliminate the negative impacts experienced as a result of an increasing deer population in the City.

**10-602. Prohibition.** (1) No person shall place or permit to be placed on the ground or within five (5) feet above the ground surface any grain, fodder, salt or mineral licks, fruit vegetables, nuts, hay, or other edible materials, which may be reasonably expected to intentionally result in deer feeding, unless items are screened or protected in a manner that prevents deer from feeding on them. Living fruit trees and other live vegetation shall not be considered as intentional deer feeding.

(2) Exceptions to this prohibition:

- (a) Veterinarians, animal control officers, county, state, or federal game officials who in the course of their duties have deer in custody or under their management;
- (b) Persons authorized by the City of Hendersonville to implement the Deer Management Program approved by the Board of Mayor and Alderman;
- (c) Any food placed upon property for the purposes of trapping or otherwise taking deer where such trapping or taking is pursuant to a permit issued by the TWRA;
- (d) Persons feeding birds using self-enclosed feeding devices or containers;
- (e) The use of straw, hay, or straw-related materials for erosion control, mulching, gardening, or other landscape projects; and
- (f) Adequately fenced-in animals determined to be captive and not free to roam outside of the enclosure.

**10-603. Responsible authority.** The Hendersonville Police Department or other department as designated by the Hendersonville Board of Mayor and Alderman shall be responsible for enforcing this legislation.

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**10-604. Civil remedies.** A violation of this legislation shall be an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), along with all applicable court costs. Additionally, enforcement may be by injunction, action for abatement, or other appropriate civil remedy to eliminate a public nuisance. (Ord. 2018-8, July 2018)