

BILL NO. 2337

ORDINANCE NO. 2158

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF CERTAIN WILDLIFE WITHIN
THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Chesterfield has received reports of property damage and nuisances caused by certain wildlife including, but not limited to, Canada geese and white-tailed deer; and,

WHEREAS, human hand-feeding can result in Canada geese remaining in certain areas within the City, as well as depositing fecal matter, garbage, debris and other filth on surrounding property; and,

WHEREAS, the hand-feeding or providing of food to attract white-tailed deer also creates problems for those property owners whose properties are located next to or near people who choose to feed white-tailed deer; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the feeding of wildlife attracts animals in unnatural numbers, beyond natural food and water supplies, which can result in unsanitary and unusable areas; and,

WHEREAS, citizens of Chesterfield have the right to enjoy their properties and be free from nuisances created by the actions of others; and, \

WHEREAS, wildlife are protected by the Wildlife Code of Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council of the City of Chesterfield to take certain steps to exercise the reasonable police power over the feeding of Canada geese and white-tailed deer, in an effort to safeguard the general welfare and safety of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The feeding of Canada geese and white-tailed deer within the City limits, which feeding results in the deposit of refuse, debris, fecal matter or other offensive substance or in the attraction of wildlife, creating the prejudice or annoyance of any person, unless otherwise permitted by law, is prohibited.

Section 2. No person shall deposit, place, distribute or leave any food, of any kind or nature, with the intent to feed Canada geese and/or white-tailed deer on public or private lands, within the City of Chesterfield.

Section 3. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to any resident or agent of the City authorized to implement a wildlife management program and

who possesses the necessary permits from the Missouri Department of Conservation, nor shall it apply to any public officer or public employee in the performance of his or her duties. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to the feeding of domestic animals.

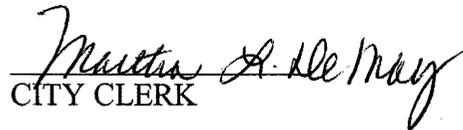
Section 4. Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or confinement not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both. Each act in which a person violates this Ordinance shall be considered a separate incident and may be punished as a separate occurrence.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed and approved this 21st day of March, 2005


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK