

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-08

TO PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF WILDLIFE AND WATERFOWL IN THE CITY OF  
NORTH AUGUSTA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE CITY OF NORTH  
AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the feeding of wildlife is extremely disruptive to the natural feeding habits of wildlife and is detrimental to the animals.

WHEREAS, the intentional feeding of wildlife can attract predators, result in altering their natural habitat by concentrating in artificial feeding areas and make such animals more susceptible to disease;

WHEREAS, improper feeding results in wildlife becoming dependent upon human provided food, alters their normal feeding and foraging habits, and can lead to animals having inappropriate interaction with humans resulting in needless injury to animals, humans, and pets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF, THAT:

- I. Chapter 5 of the North Augusta Code of Ordinances shall be amended as follows:

**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

**Sec. 5-1. Definitions**

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

*Livestock*: All classes and breeds of animals, domesticated or feral, raised for use, sale, or display.

*Wild animal*: Any animal, which is not normally domesticated in this state, including but not limited to feral swine, coyotes, deer, feral cats, foxes, opossums, raccoons, skunks, alligators, turtles, and waterfowl.

*Waterfowl*: Any bird that frequents the water, or lives about rivers, lakes, etc., or on or near the sea; an aquatic fowl, including but not limited to ducks, geese, swans, heron, and egrets.

## **ARTICLE IV. FEEDING OF WILD ANIMALS AND WATERFOWL.**

### **Sec. 5-50. Purpose**

It has been well established that the feeding of wild animals and waterfowl is both detrimental to the animals and causes a public health nuisance and safety hazard that is detrimental to the health and general welfare of the public.

### **Sec. 5-51. Feeding of wild animals and waterfowl prohibited.**

- (a) No person shall purposely or knowingly feed, bait, or in any manner provide access to food to any wild animal or waterfowl within City parks, or on other publicly owned lands in the City.
- (b) Nothing in this section shall apply to any agent of the City, State of South Carolina, Federal Agency, or Nuisance Wildlife Control Officers lawfully engaged in a wildlife or waterfowl management program.

### **Sec. 5-52. Enforcement.**

- (a) Animal Control Officers, Code Compliance Officers, and all Public Safety Officers of the City of North Augusta are hereby given full power and authority to enforce this ordinance.

### **Sec. 5-53. Penalties.**

Any person violating any provision of this Article shall be punishable as provided in Section 1-8 of this Code of Ordinances. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day or part of each day during which a violation occurs or continues.

### **Sec. 5-54. 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.

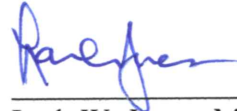
- II. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.
- III. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption on third reading.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 17 DAY OF May, 2010.

First Reading 5-3-10

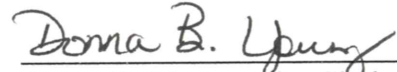
Second Reading 5-3-10

Third Reading 5-17-10



Lark W. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:



Donna B. Young, City Clerk