

CHAPTER 620: FEEDING DEER

620.010 PURPOSE: This Ordinance is enacted to protect, preserve, and promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City through the management of recreational feeding of white tailed deer within the City as part of a comprehensive strategy to reduce or eliminate negative impacts experienced as a result of an increasing deer population in the City.

620.020 FEEDING DEER PROHIBITED.

1. **Prohibited acts:** It shall be unlawful to intentionally place or permit to be placed on the ground or within five feet of the ground surface, any grain, fodder, salt licks, fruit, vegetables, nuts, hay, or other edible materials which may reasonably be expected to result in deer feeding, unless such items are screened or protected in a manner that prevents deer from feeding on them. Placement of live trees or plants that are rooted in the ground or in pots, baskets, or planters shall not be considered a violation of this subdivision.
2. **Exceptions:** The prohibition in 620.020(1) above shall not apply to:
 - A. Veterinarians, city animal control officers, or county, state, or federal game officials who are acting in the course of their duties and who have deer in custody or under their management
 - B. Persons authorized to implement a deer management program approved by the City Council.
 - C. Persons trapping, taking, or feeding deer pursuant to a permit issued by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.
 - D. Persons feeding birds using self enclosed feeding devices or containers or:
 - E. Persons using straw, hay, or straw related materials for erosion control, mulching, gardening, or other landscape purposes.

620.030 ENFORCEMENT: Violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$300. Each act of violation and each day a violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

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