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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2-10-14 B

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 63, TRAPPING TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF WILD ANIMALS AND FERAL CATS

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of Bethel Park has determined that it is in the best interest of the public health and general welfare of its residents to prohibit the feeding of any wild animal, including but not limited to rodents and mammals, as well as feral cats, within the borders of the community; and

WHEREAS, a meeting of said council was held on 10 day of February, 2014, at the Bethel Park Municipal Building, 5100 West Library Avenue, Bethel Park, PA at which the majority of the Council cast votes in favor of the modification of the code and code amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by the Council of the Municipality of Bethel Park, in a meeting assembled, and it hereby ordained and enacted by and with the authority of the same, with additions as follows;

SECTION 1

Definitions

For the purposes of this Article; the words and phrases set forth in this section shall be construed as defined herein:

- a. "Cat" means a member of the species "Felis catus";
- b. "Feral Cat" a cat that lives permanently outside of a domestic home and is not owned and cared for as a typical companion animal or pet, as a result of having been feral, abandoned by an owner, or rendered homeless, wild or stray by any other means.

SECTION 2

Individuals who feed and/or maintain shelter for feral cats, in particular, shall be considered the animal's owner, and responsible for all required immunizations, as well as spaying/neutering of such feral cat, in addition to other municipal ordinances, including fines and penalties that govern the activities of animals that are considered pets; and

SECTION 3

No person shall purposely or knowingly feed, bait, or provide any wild animal or feral cat with access to food on lands that are publicly or privately owned. No person shall purposely or knowingly leave or store

any refuse, garbage, food product, pet food, forage product or supplement, salt, or fruit, in a manner that would constitute an attraction to any wild animal. Bird feeders, if used, shall be of the type that restricts bird seed to the feeder, and any excess seed that falls upon the ground shall be immediately removed by the property owner.

SECTION 4

The removal of wild animals and feral cats from private property shall be the responsibility of the property owner and not the Municipality of Bethel Park.

SECTION 5

Residents are prohibited from creating potential nesting or breeding areas for wild animals such as the outside storage of building materials, decaying firewood, exposed compost piles, decaying shrub and tree cuttings, standing water, tires or anything deemed by the Municipality to provide shelter to wild animals; and

SECTION 6

Each property owner shall have the duty to remove any of the above-named materials from the owner's property if in violation of this Ordinance. Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be liable for a fine of not less than TWENTY FIVE Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than FIFTY Dollars (\$50.00) for each offense, in addition to the costs of prosecution. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day or of each day thereafter during which a violation occurs or continues.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into the law by Council of the Municipality of Bethel Park this

10 day of February, 2014.

ATTEST:

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK


Secretary

By 
Vice President of Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me, this 10 day of February, 2014.


Mayor