



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: Feb. 10, 2025
Department: Community Services
Agenda Section: Consent
Public hearing: No
Date of public hearing: N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Public Space & Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 – Regulation and Control of Animals

Attachments:

1. Draft ordinance
2. Draft Wildlife Resource Guide

Summary:

Following a town board discussion on deer overpopulation and urban archery programs in March 2024, staff began working on a wildlife resource guide to provide residents with an overview of common wildlife species in town, education about wildlife management resources, and strategies to minimize conflicts between residents and wildlife. The culmination of the development of the resource guide coincided with an emerging community discussion about the impacts of feeding vultures in town. In January 2025, the board directed staff to draft an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of vultures in town. In accordance with the recommendations in the draft wildlife resource guide, the focus of the draft ordinance was expanded to prohibit the feeding of all wildlife* in town.

* Exception is made in the draft ordinance for bird feeders or feeding of common small birds as recommended by NC Wildlife and used in other municipal ordinances.

Financial impacts:

None.

Staff recommendation and comments:

The draft ordinance is modeled on another locally adopted deer feeding ordinance, and more fully informed by other ordinances throughout the state and with consultation with NC Wildlife.

Action requested:

Adopt ordinance as presented.