

ORDINANCE NO. 10-300

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE FEEDING OF WILD ANIMALS

THE CITY OF ISHPEMING ORDAINS:

Section 10-301. Definitions.

- a) "Animal" as used in this Ordinance shall include all wild raccoons, porcupines, skunks, rodents, rabbits, crows, pigeons, seagulls, mice, rats, fowl, waterfowl, gophers, groundhogs, moles, deer, bear, wolverines, badgers, and every other wild mammal.
- b) "Feed" as used in this Ordinance shall include every method whereby any person shall place food, garbage, food scraps, fruits, nuts, honey, vegetables, any food or animal by-products, wheat, corn, meal, grain, sorghum, alfalfa, lard, grease, or any animal rendering, or any other substance of any type out of doors, or inside any structure, whether in a container or otherwise, where such substance is accessible to or used by any animal as a source of food or nourishment.

Section 10-302. Prohibited Conduct.

It shall be unlawful for any person to feed any animal in any area in the City of Ishpeming. This prohibition shall not apply to the feeding of songbirds or squirrels, so long as the food placed for these creatures is not accessible to or consumed by any four (4) legged animal or by any crows, seagulls, or pigeons.

Section 10-303. Penalty.

Violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a municipal civil infraction. A person, firm or corporation determined to be responsible or responsible "with explanation" for a municipal civil infraction shall be subject to a civil fine, see Annual Fee Schedule. A municipal civil infraction action brought for any violation of this ordinance shall follow the procedures set forth in Act No. 12, P.A. 1994, as amended, and a Defendant charged with a municipal civil infraction violation shall have all of the rights, duties, responsibilities and obligations set forth therein.

Section 10-304. Effective Date.

This ordinance is hereby adopted as an emergency ordinance, and shall be effective upon publication.

Adopted: October 12, 1998

Amended: July 11, 2018