

prohibits the feeding of all wildlife with the exception of feeding birds by use of common bird feeders. The draft ordinance provides for enforcement proceedings and penalties. The ordinance includes a six-month grace period prior to becoming effective.

The first reading of the ordinance was presented to and approved by City Council on August 27, 2018 with a proposed amendment excluding the applicability of the ordinance to those in possession of a City-issued Hunting Lands Permit. Other revisions to the initial draft of the ordinance include the addition of Code Compliance officers as an enforcing entity and the removal Section 82-28(B) requiring “no culpable mental state”.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Education and outreach efforts associated with urban wildlife management and the feeding ordinance will be funded through a grant provided by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of an ordinance prohibiting the intentional feeding of wildlife within city limits.