ARTICLE VI Feeding of Wildlife [Adopted 10-2-2023 by Ord. No. 971-2023]

§ 53-57. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to prohibit the feeding of unconfined wildlife in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the Borough of Milford, to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

§ 53-58. Definitions.

For this article, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this article clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely discretionary.

FEED — To give, place, expose, deposit, distribute or scatter any edible material with the intention of feeding, attracting or enticing wildlife. Feeding does not include baiting in the legal taking of fish and/or game.

PERSON — Any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this state subject to municipal jurisdiction.

WILDLIFE — All animals that are neither human nor domesticated.

§ 53-59. Prohibited conduct.

No person shall feed, in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the Borough of Milford, any wildlife, excluding confined wildlife (for example, wildlife confined in zoos, parks or rehabilitation centers, or unconfined wildlife at environmental educational centers, or feral cats as part of an approved trap-neuter-release program).

§ 53-60. Violations, penalties, and enforcement.

- A. Any person who violates the terms of this article after having been notified shall pay a fine of not less than \$1,500 but no more than \$7,500 plus court costs. This article shall be enforced by the Borough's Zoning Officer, the Borough's Sewer Administrator, or other Borough personnel as may be assigned by resolution of the Milford Borough Common Council.
- B. Any person found to be in violation of this article shall immediately cease any prohibited feeding.

§ 53-61. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any part of this article are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in conflict or inconsistent.

§ 53-62. Severability.

If any section, provision, or part of provision of this article shall be held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this article, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unenforceable or invalid.

§ 53-63. Effective date.

This article shall take effect after passage and publication in the manner provided by law.