

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF YORK)
)
CITY OF TEGA CAY)

ORDINANCE 573

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODIFIED TEGA CAY MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF WILDLIFE.

WHEREAS, the City of Tega Cay has observed the significant and growing wildlife population within City limits;

WHEREAS, the City of Tega Cay has conducted extensive research at the direction of the City Council, regarding the wildlife population and wildlife management strategies;

WHEREAS, the intentional feeding of wildlife encourages the concentration and growth of animals in urbanized areas, which poses a hazard to motorist, humans, pets and plant life;

WHEREAS, the improper and intentional feeding of wildlife disrupts animals natural habitats as well as their feeding and foraging habits, as they become dependent upon human provided food sources; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Tega Cay finds that regulating the feeding of wildlife is imperative to the health, safety, and welfare of the animals and also to the City of Tega Cay and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Tega Cay, South Carolina, duly assembled, does hereby adopt the amendment to the Tega Cay Municipal Code of Ordinance in accordance with the following provisions.

**Chapter 6
ANIMALS**

Sec.6-2. Definitions.

As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Wildlife- Animals that have not been domesticated or tamed and are usually living in a natural environment, including both game and nongame species such as deer, feral swine, coyotes, opossums, raccoons, skunks, and waterfowl. For the purposes of this Chapter, birds not considered to be waterfowl, are excluded unless otherwise prohibited by Federal or State laws and regulations.

Waterfowl- Any bird that frequents the water, or lives about rivers, lakes, ponds, etc.; an aquatic fowl, including but not limited to ducks, geese, swans, heron, and egrets.

Sec.6-3. Feeding of Wildlife

(a) No person shall purposely feed or make food available for consumption by wildlife on private

- or public property within the City.
- (b) No person shall recklessly feed or make food available for consumption by wildlife on private or public property within the City.
 - (c) Each property owner or person having control of the property shall have the duty to remove any materials or devices placed on the owner's property in violation of this section.
 - (d) Nothing in this section shall apply to any agent of the City, State of South Carolina, Federal Agency, or York County Animal Control Officers lawfully engaged in a wildlife management program.

Sec. 6-4. Enforcement

- (a) Code Compliance Officers, and all Public Safety Officers of the City of Tega Cay are hereby given full power and authority to enforce this Ordinance.

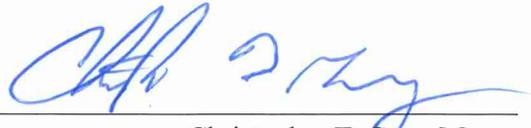
FIRST READING: November 14, 2022

SECOND READING: December 19, 2022

Enacted this 19 day of Dec., 2022, by a majority vote of the duly elected City Council of the City of Tega Cay, South Carolina.

Signature Page to Follow

SIGNED:


Christopher T. Gray, Mayor


Thomas S. Hyslip, Mayor Pro Tempore


Gus Matchunis, Council Member


Ryan Richard, Council Member


Scott G. Shirley, Council Member



ATTEST:

Charlie Funderburk, City Manager

Certificate of Adoption

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the ordinance passed at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Tega Cay, South Carolina, held on the 19 day of December 2022.


Casey McGlumphy, Municipal Clerk