

*Township of Little Egg Harbor, NJ
Friday, April 4, 2025*

Chapter 338. Wildlife Feeding

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Little Egg Harbor; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Animals — See Ch. **134**.

Pet waste — See Ch. **271**.

§ 338-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to prohibit the feeding of unconfined wildlife in any public park, beach, place or resort, or on any other property owned or operated by the Township of Little Egg Harbor, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

§ 338-2. Definitions and word usage.

- A. 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 directory.
- B. For the purpose of this chapter, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning:

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.

§ 338-3. Prohibited conduct.

No person shall feed, in any public park, beach, place of resort, or on any other property owned or operated by the Township of Little Egg Harbor, any wildlife, excluding confined wildlife (for example, wildlife confined in zoos, parks, or rehabilitation centers, or unconfined wildlife at environmental education centers).

§ 338-4. Enforcement.

- A. This chapter shall be enforced by the Police Department and/or Code Enforcement Officer of the Township of Little Egg Harbor.
- B. Any person found to be in violation of this chapter shall be ordered to cease the feeding immediately.

§ 338-5. Violations and penalties.

- A. Any person violating or failing to comply with any other provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of no less than \$100 and no more than \$1,250, by imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or by community service of not more than 90 days, or any combination of fine, imprisonment and community service, as determined in the discretion of the Municipal Court Judge. The continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of the violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.
- B. The violation of any provision of this chapter shall be subject to abatement summarily by a restraining order or injunction issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.