

CITY OF MEDICINE LAKE

Ordinance No. 76

Feeding of Waterfowl

An Ordinance to regulate the feeding of waterfowl

The City of Medicine Lake, Minnesota ordains:

Section 1. Purpose.

This ordinance is adopted to regulate and restrict the feeding of waterfowl which generates unacceptable and unmanageable concentrations of waterfowl detrimental to the health and safety of citizens, and; which may impair the property, lake and shore in addition to disrupting normal migratory behavior and fostering unintentional socialization towards humans.

Section 2. Definitions.

The following words and terms, wherever they occur in this Chapter, shall be interpreted as herein defined:

1. Waterfowl: As commonly known to include domestic and wild ducks, geese, cormorants, grebes and like avian species.
2. Lake: Medicine Lake, its wetlands, tributaries and harbor limits within the prescribed city limits of the City of Medicine Lake.
3. Intentional Feeding: Such feeding shall include any regular, habitual or occasional placement of foods such as whole corn, cracked corn or bread in a manner accessible to waterfowl for feeding purposes.

Section 3. Provisions.

Within the boundaries of the City of Medicine Lake, no person shall intentionally feed waterfowl.

Section 4. Exceptions.

1. Food placed with the sole intent of entrapping sick or injured waterfowl for re-transport and treatment at the University of Minnesota Wildlife Rehabilitation Center or like licensed facility.
2. Veterinarians, City animal control officers or county, state or federal game officials who, in the course of their duties, use food as a means of luring and capturing waterfowl for treatment or relocation.

Section 5. Administration and Enforcement.

This shall be administered and enforced by the duly authorized representatives of the City.

Section 6. Penalties.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 7. Separability.

If any court of competent jurisdiction shall adjudge any provisions of this Chapter to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect any other provisions of this Chapter not specifically included in said judgment.

Adopted by the City Council of Medicine Lake this 7th day of May, 2001.

Thomas J. Schrader, Mayor

ATTEST: Julie A. Deitte, City Clerk