

ARTICLE VA
Domestic Animals, Birds, Fowl, Stray Feral Cats and Wildlife
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§ 315-25.1. Prohibited conduct on public property.

No person with the exception of certified animal control officers shall attract, feed or attempt to attract or feed water fowl, songbirds, pigeons and other backyard birds, feral/stray cats, any wildlife, excluding confined wildlife (for example wildlife confined in zoos, parks or rehabilitation centers, or unconfined wildlife at environmental education centers), which are not the person's property by placing throwing or providing by any means food for said birds, wildlife or stray animals.

§ 315-25.2. Prohibited conduct on private property.

- A. No person with the exception of certified animal control officers shall attract, feed or attempt to attract or feed stray and free-roaming cats.
- B. The feeding of waterfowl, songbirds, pigeons, and other backyard birds shall be permitted outdoor on private property only if:
 - (1) Such a feeding does not create an unreasonable disturbance or nuisance that intrudes on the rights of surrounding property owners and renders others insecure in the use of their property;
 - (2) The feeding does not become an attractant for rodents or other wildlife;
 - (3) The feeding does not create an accumulation of droppings on the feeder's property or on the neighboring properties;
 - (4) All birdfeeders are placed at least five feet above the ground; and
 - (5) The birdfeeder's capacity for seed is no more than five pounds.

§ 315-25.3. Enforcement.

- A. Every property owner shall have the duty to remove any named materials placed on the owner's property that is in violation of this article.
- B. Failure to remove such materials or to make such modifications within 24 hours after notice from the Borough of Palisades Park shall constitute a violation of this article.
- C. The animal control officers and all police officers of the Borough of Palisades Park and Licensed Health Department Staff are here by given full power and authority to enforce this article.

§ 315-25.4. Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates a provision of this article shall be liable to a fine of no less than

\$100 and no more than \$1,000 for the first offense, together with the cost of prosecution. A second offense shall make a person liable for a fine of no less than \$150 and no more than \$2,000. Any subsequent offenses shall make a person liable for a fine of no less than \$300 and no more than \$5,000. A separate offense will be deemed committed on each day or part of each day during which a violation occurs or continues.