

Ordinance 25-02

An ordinance creating a new section 97.09 Feeding of Wild Animals Prohibited in the City of Alma's Code of ordinances in Chapter 97: Animals and amending the penalty section 97.99.

97.09 FEEDING OF WILD ANIMALS PROHIBITED

- A) Whereas it is widely known that wild animals by their nature may become vicious and harbor diseases that may infect humans and domestic pets, deposit bodily waste, and create increased encounters with vehicles within the city. Wild animals are therefore considered to be a public nuisance within the City of Alma.
- B) It shall be unlawful for any person to purposefully feed wild animals within the City of Alma.
- C) For the purpose of this section wild animals includes but is not limited to: Coyotes, fox, wolves, skunks, possums, racoons, bear, lynx, bobcats, deer, rodents, snakes, pigeons, and geese.
- D) Wild animals excluded from this section include:
 - 1) Song birds, ornamental birds, squirrels, chipmunks, and bees
 - 2) Any animal under the control of a person authorized by the Department of Natural Resources.
 - 3) Animals under the control and care of a licensed veterinarian.
 - 4) The baiting of deer, bear, wolves, and coyotes subject to regulations of the Department of Natural Resources and only in those areas within the City of Alma designated for hunting purposes.

97.99 PENALTY

Any person who violates this chapter shall be made to forfeit \$100 plus the costs of prosecution for the first offense and \$200 plus the cost of prosecution for a second or subsequent offense within a one year period of time.

Duly adopted this 13th day of March, 2025 by a vote of 7 yes and 4 no.


Richard Champeny, Mayor


Linda M. Torgerson, Clerk-Treasurer

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