

ORDINANCE NO. 1584-99

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING
THE FEEDING OF WATERFOWL
ON MUNICIPAL PARK PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, in recent years there has been a proliferation in the waterfowl population in the Northeast; and

WHEREAS, waterfowl, and in particular geese, carry several types of bacteria which can prove harmful to humans and to fish populations; and

WHEREAS, several states including Pennsylvania have enacted statutes prohibiting the feeding of ducks and geese on state property due to health concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence Township Council seeks ways in which to reduce the waterfowl population in municipal parks, most particularly in Colonial Lake Park where the goose population is a considerable problem;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the feeding of waterfowl on municipal parkland is hereby prohibited; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that notice of this prohibition be prominently placed in appropriate locations on park property; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that violators of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

Repealer. All ordinances or parts of same inconsistent with any of the provisions of this ordinance and the code established hereunder are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Severability. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final adoption

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Effective: August 23, 1999