**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

# **TOWN OF JAMESTOWN**

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue on the following proposed amendment to the Code of Ordinances regarding Chapter 10 – Animals. Opportunity shall be given to all persons interested to be heard upon the matter at the public hearing. The following proposed ordinance amendment is under consideration and may be adopted and/or altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment must be presented for comment in the course of the public hearing. The proposed amendment is available for review and/or purchase at the Town Clerk’s Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays.

**Section 1.** The Jamestown Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Animals, as the same may have been heretofore amended, is hereby amended by changing the text of the Chapter, as follows:

NOTE: words set as ~~strikethrough~~ are to be deleted from the ordinance; words underlined are to be added to the ordinance.

 See Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2.** The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause said changes to be made to Chapter 10 of the Town of Jamestown’s Code of Ordinances.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Ad Date(s):

Publication Source:

Hearing Date:

Action:

Certified:

**EXHIBIT A**

**CHAPTER 10 – ANIMALS**

**ARTICLE VII. – NON-DOMESTICATED ANIMALS**

Sec. 10-200. – Feeding Non-Domesticated Animals – Purpose.

 The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health and safety of residents in the Town of Jamestown with respect to dangers associated with coyotes and other non-domesticated animals by minimizing opportunities for such animals to obtain food from sources controlled or controllable by humans.

Sec. 10-201. – Definitions.

Words and phrases used in this chapter shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context:

ATTRACTANT: Means any substance which could reasonably be expected to attract or does attract coyotes or other non-domesticated animals.

FEEDING: Means the leaving of food of any kind where it is accessible to coyotes or other non-domesticated animals.

FOOD: Means all substances consumed by humans or animals for nourishment except grass and other vegetation, growing crops, and food that is canned or stored in sealed or closable containers.

Sec. 10-202. – Prohibitions.

1. No person shall feed or in any manner provide an attractant to coyotes or other non-domesticated animals; provided that domestic pets are not attractants, and feeding pets outdoors does not create an attractant if the pet eats all the food immediately, or the remaining food is removed as soon as the pet stops eating, or the pet is fed in a secure cage or other enclosure.
2. No person shall leave, store, or maintain any food or attractant in a manner, area, or location accessible to coyotes or other non-domesticated animals.

Sec. 10-203. – Exceptions.

1. Food for birds or squirrels that is in a feeder located within 100 feet of a residence and elevated to be inaccessible to coyotes.
2. Outdoor feeding of farm animals, provided (1) animal food, when not being fed to animals, is stored in a building or a closed container; (2) excessive amounts of food, based on the animals’ eating history, are not provided to the animals; (3) injured, old, feeble, or pre-sized animals are not left outside unattended; and (4) all other reasonable efforts are made to reduce attractants to coyotes and other non-domesticated animals.

Sec. 10-204. – Enforcement.

 Violations of this ordinance are punishable by a civil penalty of from one hundred dollars ($100) to five hundred dollars ($500) for each day of violation.

Sec. 10 – 211 - 220. – Reserved.