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WILDFOWL NO FEED

MODEL ORDINANCE

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WHIPPANY RIVER WATERSHED ACTION COMMITTEE

P.O. Box 223

Morristown, N.J. 07963-0223

1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent the deterioration of water resources within the _____, County of Morris. It is recognized that the presence of wildfowl contributes to high coliform counts which is a major contaminant contributing to the degradation of watercourses and wetlands. Feeding of geese, ducks and other wildfowl is inimical to the public health and general welfare of the _____.

2. Findings

It has been determined that one of the underlying causes for the congregation of wildfowl is the feeding of the same by well-meaning persons.

3. Feeding Restrictions

- a) Except as provided in Section 2 (b) hereof, no person shall feed, cause to be fed or provide food for wild geese, ducks or other wildfowl anywhere in the _____, either on public or private property.
- b) Nothing in the foregoing Section 2 (a) shall be construed to prohibit humane acts of individual cases, such as the temporary nurturing of a wounded bird or abandoned gosling or duckling upon one's premises.

4. Enforcement

- a) Any person who violates the provisions of Subsection 3 (a) shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500.
- b) The provisions of Subsection 3 (a) shall be enforced by police officers of _____, the Health Officer, and such other personnel of the Health Department as are directed to enforce this section by the Health Officer.