The Communications & Legislation Committee of the Village of Northbrook Board of Trustees will hold a meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Village Hall, 1225 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, Illinois. The following will be discussed.

**MEETING AGENDA**

*Please note: A light dinner will be provided for Board Members and Staff*

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE
4. ADJOURN (*Note: Another Committee meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:15 PM*)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Staff Memo and Draft Ordinance - Wildlife Ground Feeding Regulations

**Kathryn Ciesla, Chair**
Communications/Legislation Committee

**Members:**  
Trustee Heller  
Trustee Israel

Village of Northbrook  
Cook County, Illinois  
July 14, 2015
The Communications and Legislation (C&L) Committee of the Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 6:00 PM to continue the discussion of restrictions on ground feeding wildlife. The C&L Committee last discussed this topic during a committee meeting held on June 23, 2015. The C&L Committee heard additional public comments from residents and then discussed various code language options to prohibit ground feeding.

The Committee directed the Village Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance for their review during a brief meeting on July 14. Anticipating that the language would be acceptable, they also asked the item be placed on the Regular Meeting agenda for later that evening.

Attached to this cover memo is a draft amendment to the Municipal Code to prohibit ground feeding. The primary restrictions in the draft code language follows:

> It shall be unlawful for any person to place table scraps, seed or other food out-of-doors in any residential zoning district of the village, outside of appropriate waste containers and in such a manner as to harbor or attract wild animals, including without limitation, raccoons, coyotes, skunks, deer, possums, foxes, or squirrels, and thereby cause such wild animals to become habituated to humans. Above-ground hanging bird feeders are allowed as long as all feed is placed in a container or feeder designed for the specific purpose of feeding birds.

If the Committee finds the language in the draft ordinance acceptable, it would be appropriate to recommend its approval for consideration by the Board on July 14. The draft ordinance has already been placed on the July 14 Regular Meeting agenda.

The Village Attorney and Staff will be in attendance for the Committee meeting to answer any questions regarding the ordinance language.
BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Northbrook, County of Cook and State of Illinois THAT:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
NORTHBROOK MUNICIPAL CODE (1988), AS AMENDED,
REGARDING GROUND FEEDING OF WILD ANIMALS

shall be, and is hereby, adopted as follows:

Section 1. BACKGROUND.

Chapter 5 of the Northbrook Municipal Code (1988), as amended ("Municipal Code") regulates the harborage and ownership of animals, both domesticated and wild. Village staff now recommends that the Village amend the Municipal Code to adopt specific regulations prohibiting ground feeding in residential zoning districts in a manner that attracts wild animals and declaring such feeding to be a nuisance.

The President and the Board of Trustees hereby find that it is in the best interest of the public and the Village to amend the Municipal Code as specifically provided in this Ordinance.

Section 2. AMENDMENTS.

A. Section 5-2, of Article I, entitled “In General,” of Chapter 5, entitled “Animals,” of the Municipal Code, shall be amended to be and read as follows: [Added text bold and double underlined; deleted text struck through]

Sec. 5-6. Harboring, or ownership, and ground feeding of dangerous, feral, undomesticated, vicious, or wild animals prohibited.

(a) No person shall be allowed to harbor, or have ownership in, any dangerous, feral, undomesticated, vicious, or wild animal, except when such an animal is harbored in, or owned by, an approved facility and provided such an animal remains in an escape-proof enclosure at all times.

(b) It is no defense to a violation of subsection (a) that the person harboring, or claiming an ownership in, any dangerous, feral, undomesticated, vicious or wild animal has attempted to domesticate, or in any way make safe, the dangerous, feral, undomesticated, vicious, or wild animal. Any dangerous, feral, undomesticated, vicious, or wild animal harbored or owned in violation of this section shall be subject to
immediate seizure and placement in an approved facility, or otherwise disposed of according to the provisions of state law.

(c) **It shall be unlawful for any person to place table scraps, seed or other food out-of-doors in any residential zoning district of the village, outside of appropriate waste containers and in such a manner as to harbor or attract wild animals, including without limitation, raccoons, coyotes, skunks, deer, possums, foxes, or squirrels, and thereby cause such wild animals to become habituated to humans. Above-ground hanging bird feeders are allowed as long as all feed is placed in a container or feeder designed for the specific purpose of feeding birds.**

(d) Any person found guilty of violating this section shall be fined an amount as established in the annual fee ordinance and shall be responsible for any and all costs connected with the seizure, confiscation, confinement, and disposal of such animal, including any and all reasonable attorneys' fees.

B. Section 16-1, entitled “General prohibition; abatement,” of Article I, entitled “In General,” of Chapter 16, entitled “Nuisances,” of the Municipal Code, shall be amended to be and read as follows: [Added text **bold and double underlined**; deleted text **struck through**]

Sec. 16-1. - General prohibition; abatement.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to cause, permit or maintain the existence of any nuisance on any property under his control, leasehold, or ownership.

(b) The village manager or his authorized representative is hereby authorized to abate or take all necessary action to abate any nuisance existing in the village. The village sanitation is hereby authorized, in addition to other village officers, to abate any nuisance defined in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (5), (7), (8), and (9) of subsection (c) of this section.

(c) Any of the following shall constitute a nuisance:

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(16) **The prohibited harboring, ownership, or ground feeding of dangerous, vicious, or wild animals as set forth in Section 5-6.**

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Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.