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City of Farmington Hills Clarifies Impact of Newly Passed State Wildlife-Feeding Bill

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (Aug. 17, 2026) – The City of Farmington Hills is issuing updated guidance following recent changes to Michigan’s Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. The new statewide regulation, now in effect, establishes uniform rules for wildlife and bird feeding and overrides the City’s former deer feeding ban. While Farmington Hills previously enforced a full deer feeding ban to support public safety and natural habitats, the State’s rules now apply consistently across all communities.

Effective immediately, residents may feed wildlife, including deer, as long as they follow State requirements. The City will no longer issue warnings or citations under City Code Sections 6-10 and 6-11, as State law now governs all wildlife-feeding activity.

Allowable Under State Law

- Up to two gallons of wildlife feed within 300 feet of a residence
- Small amounts of seed or feed placed near the home
- Elevated feeders and limited seasonal backyard feeding
- Feeding practices that align with U.S. Department of Agriculture guidance to reduce disease transmission

Prohibited Under State Law

- Using feed as bait for hunting
- Placing large quantities of feed that exceed the two-gallon limit

“The City is committed to helping residents understand how the updated State law affects local regulations,” said Acting City Manager Karen Mondora. “While the State now permits certain types of wildlife feeding, we strongly encourage residents to be cautious. Feeding wildlife can contribute to disease transmission and create safety concerns in neighborhoods.”

Quick Summary

- State law now governs wildlife feeding
- The City's deer feeding ban is no longer enforceable
- Residents may feed wildlife within State limits
- Some activities remain prohibited under State law
- Feeding wildlife can spread disease and create community safety concerns

Residents with questions may contact the City's Code Enforcement Division at 248-871-2520.

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About the City of Farmington Hills

The City of Farmington Hills is a place where everyone is welcome. Founded in 1973, it is one of the largest communities in Oakland County. Farmington Hills is home to more than 83,000 residents who speak more than 60 languages, and more than 75 Fortune 500 businesses, including multinational corporations like Nissan and Bosch. The City is routinely recognized as one of the safest cities of its size and is known for its extensive amenities, including over 600 acres of parks, 90 athletic fields, six miles of hiking and walking trails, the Farmington Hills Golf Club, and an Ice Arena. Farmington Hills is also home to The Hawk, an award-winning, approximately 270,000-square-foot recreation and arts venue, which includes The Hawk Theatre and The Hawk Makerspace. For more information, visit www.fhgov.com.

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