

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, 430 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ**  
**August 1, 2022**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Council Members Albanese, Hund, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal, Minniti

Also Present: Mayor Sal Bonaccorso; James Ulrich, Business Administrator; Richard Huxford, Acting Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk;

The Special Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark was called to order at 7:30 pm by Council President Minniti. He asked all present to participate in a moment of silence, following the salute to the Flag.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - MOMENT OF SILENCE**

This meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act as adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by sending written advanced notice of at least 48 hours to the Star Ledger, Union County Hawk, Union County Local Source, and TAP into Clark, by posting such Meeting Agenda on the Bulletin Board in Town Hall reserved for such announcements, as well as the Official Website of the Township and the proper filing of said Notice. Formal action may be taken at this meeting.

**ORDINANCE, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:**  
**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE:**

(On the first and third Ordinance no objections have been received in connection with the proposed Ordinance)

**Ordinance 22-08**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 189 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF CLARK ENTITLED "HOUSING STANDARDS"**

Council President opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 22-08

Seeing no one coming forward Councilman Mazzarella made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Hund, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal, Minniti

Motion to adopt Ordinance 22-08 was made by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion:

Councilman O'Connor: questioned that at the last council meeting we actually voted on having us not agree with the State making us pickup the financial end of this.

- asked to delay the vote for just one session so she can provide actual data on different towns where programs have taken place, can give data and numbers that would enlighten Council to what the outcome has been
- mentioned when you put on a feeding ban you do open yourself up to problems concerning Title 4 which is a State Statute
- mentioned Livingston searched for her after banning TNR (trap neuter and return), they restarted the program because they became so overrun with strays, they tried to keep the feeding ban on that they became overpopulated
- continued by saying you can put all the laws you want in place; feeders won't stop feeding, they'll do it in any way shape or form
- gave an overview of the TNR program
- in closing she mentioned if we can educate you more on this before you make your decision, it would be her pleasure to come with a few people and try and help mitigate this problem for all residents and the town

Council President Minniti: questioned Ms. Baldassarre on where does the funding sources come from for this program

Gail Baldassare:

- stated there's different ways of doing it
- when she was in Livingston, they formed what was called "Friends of Livingston Animal Shelter", she was the main person that was trapping alongside animal control
- it depends, each town has a different way of doing it, there are sponsor based TNR programs
- if the residents are feeding two or three cats in the yard and they know there's a program, they are more than willing to pay for that
- "Friends of Livingston Animal Shelter" had fundraisers and I can tell you the fundraising was successful and we started to get donations

Nancy Twaskas, 43 Colonial Drive:

- mentioned she receives many reports from Clark Patch such as threateninf thunder storms that never materialized, not once did she see anything pertaining to the ordinance regarding stray cats on the Clark Patch
- Township Clerk responded it's on our website and it's in the newspaper, it's up to the Patch whether they send a reporter. We usually have the Union County Hawk and the Star Ledger that are invited to every single meeting and also are given the documents as well, they chose not to write about it
- Ms. Twaskas mentioned she's very passionate and has trapped cats before, brought them over to Hillside to get them neutered and released with shots
- she cannot believe a town that she was born into is going to purposely starve animals and upset all the citizens
- in closing she's very upset about the whole ordeal and really hopes the Council will reconsider and take a position and take advantage of somebody that's come here to help out

adoption, and if there's anything in this ordinance that we would have to then amend and adjust

- stated an ordinance is a mechanism that we have in place so if someone is getting egregious, we have the ability to go over and say "enough at this point"
- made it known that we're not here on a personal issue against wildlife, we're here on an issue of taking care of people's properties, etc
- encouraged the animal activists attending the meeting if they are feeding the animals, do it with a good mind-set to make sure it's not offending their neighbors

Jim Ulrich:

- mentioned he looked at quite a few TNR ordinances around the State and gave a brief summary of them
- explained he feels there are people who are emotional about this and will take the extra steps but the vast majority will push it to the side after a while
- Ms. Baldassarre replied regarding the #1 concern with TNR and continued with further details explaining her work with the Parsippany Animal Control as one of their volunteers
- BA responded that everything she's talking about takes care of TNR, it doesn't take care of the additional feeding issue
- Ms. Baldassarre replied you can be restrictive with that but you can't leave food all over, you can have feeding ordinances included in the TNR, she stated that she has people that can give data, case studies, numbers, success rates and where it works and where it doesn't work

Mayor Bonaccorso:

- explained to Ms. Baldassarre what the process is in passing an ordinance
- Ms. Baldassarre replied the compromising of partnership is what she's trying to build so that you'll be able to keep all the residents happy

Councilman Smith:

- followed up on a question on what Ms. Baldassarre mentioned earlier that some of the towns she's involved with the ordinance did specific feeding times, asked what those times were
- she replied many of feeders or caretakers will visit a colony, feed, clean up and remove things but added they do leave water bowls out which does not attract very much
- Councilman replied that's the biggest concern not just of us (council) but the people in the town, the food you see in some of the pictures is just dumped on the front stoop, it's really not feeding the strayed cats or feral colony, it's feeding any wild animal and that's not right to the neighbors and the people in the neighborhood
- she responded that this is a problem in every town that she speaks in, it's a problem everywhere, she continued saying she's personally in touch with "Alley Cat Allies" they are a national group that deals with this specific problem, if you reach out to them, they will give you a very broad prospective on how to deal with the situation

Mayor Bonaccorso: asked Ms. Baldassarre for her phone number where she can be reached so we can get together for a meeting

stated he will be approving the Ordinance but with amending that portion that deals with cats by our next meeting.

No further discussion

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Hund, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Minniti

Nay: Toal

Ordinance adopted.

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**Ordinance 22-10**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$725,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS**

Council President Minniti opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 22-10

Seeing no one coming forward Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Hund

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Hund, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal, Minniti

Motion to adopt Ordinance 22 -10 was made Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion:

Jim Ulrich: gave brief summary of the Ordinance as it was discussed at the last meeting.

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Hund, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal, Minniti

Ordinance adopted.

- B. That the description of the property is intended as a general guide only and may not be accurate. No representations of any kind are made by the Township of Clark as to the conditions of the property; the premises are being sold in their present conditions "as is".
- C. That the sale is made subject to all applicable laws, statutes, regulations and ordinances of the United States, State of New Jersey and the Township of Clark.
- D. That no employee, agent or officer of the Township of Clark has any authority to waive, modify or amend any of the conditions of the sale.
- E. That offers for the property must be made for a sum equal or greater to the minimum bid price of \$400.00.
- F. The property will be conveyed by a Quit Claim Deed and such conveyance shall be subject to all covenants, restrictions, reservations and easements established of record or by prescription and without representation as to character of title of the property to be conveyed.

6. Additional Terms the Successful Bidder must comply with:

- A. Bidder shall deposit cash, check, or money order in the amount of not less than 10% of the bid price within 10 days of notice of acceptance of their bid. In the event the bidder fails to timely deposit 10% of the bid price, the Township may re-auction the subject property.
- B. The property purchased shall be merged with the bidder's existing property.
- C. The successful bidder shall pay at the time of closing: (1) The balance of the purchase price and (2) The cost of recording deeds and agrees that deeds shall be recorded by the purchaser.
- D. To pay prorated real estate taxes for the balance of the current year as of the date of closing.
- E. To abide by appropriate zoning, subdivision, health and building regulations and codes and stipulate that this sale will not be used as grounds to support any variance from the regulations.
- F. That the failure to close title as agreed shall forfeit to the Township of Clark any and all money deposited with the Township.

**SECTION 4:**

**SEVERABILITY:** In the event that any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this ordinance which may be given effect and, to realize this intent, the provisions and applications of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

**SECTION 5:**

**PURPOSE OF CAPTIONS:** Captions contained in this ordinance have been inserted only for the purpose of facilitating reference to the various sections, and are not intended and shall not be utilized to construe the intent and meaning of the text of any section.

**SECTION 6:**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

Moved by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion: gave a summary of the Ordinance.

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Hund, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal, Minniti

Public Hearing August 15<sup>th</sup>, Council Chambers

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**Ordinance 22-12**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LAND, KNOWN AS  
BLOCK 38 AND LOT 13.01, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK TO BE SOLD AT  
PRIVATE SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has determined that certain municipally owned land designated as Block 38 Lot 13.01 on the Tax Map of the Township of Clark (hereinafter the "subject property" or the "property"), consisting of one undersized parcel of land, is no longer necessary for municipal purposes and as such shall be sold at private sale in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5); and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Lands and Building Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., authorizes the sale by municipalities of any real property, capital improvement, or personal property no longer needed for public use.

record or by prescription and without representation as to character of title of the property to be conveyed.

6. Additional Terms the Successful Bidder must comply with:

A. Bidder shall deposit cash, check, or money order in the amount of not less than 10% of the bid price within 10 days of notice of acceptance of their bid. In the event the bidder fails to timely deposit 10% of the bid price, the Township may re-auction the subject property.

B. The property purchased shall be merged with the bidder's existing property.

C. The successful bidder shall pay at the time of closing: (1) The balance of the purchase price and (2) The cost of recording deeds and agrees that deeds shall be recorded by the purchaser.

D. To pay prorated real estate taxes for the balance of the current year as of the date of closing.

E. To abide by appropriate zoning, subdivision, health and building regulations and codes and stipulate that this sale will not be used as grounds to support any variance from the regulations.

F. That the failure to close title as agreed shall forfeit to the Township of Clark any and all money deposited with the Township.

G. That the purchase price shall not be used before any County Board of Taxation, Tax Court of New Jersey, or in any court of this State as grounds to support a challenge of the existing assessments with regard to other property.

H. That the title shall close on or before October 31, 2022, and that date shall be considered time of the essence. The Township reserves the right to require that two or more pieces of contiguous property be merged and treated as one piece of property.

I. The Township reserves the right to withdraw the offer of sale and reject any and all bids.

J. All sales are subject to final approval by the Township Council.

K. Parties interested in submitting bids and who require additional information, should contact Edie Merkel, Township Clerk, Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey 07066.

7. The Township does not warrant or certify title to the property and in no event shall the Township of Clark be liable for any damages to the purchaser/successful bidder if title is found unmarketable for any reason and the purchaser/successful bidder waives any and all right in

Discussion:

Jim Ulrich: gave a summary of the Ordinance

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Hund, Mazzarella, O’Connor, Toal, Smith, Minniti

Public Hearing August 15<sup>th</sup>, Council Chambers

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**Ordinance 22-13**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 22-07 ENTITLED  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE I, CHAPTER 145, SECTION 3  
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT”**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Chapter 145, Section 3 of the Code is hereby amended as follows:

**SECTION 1:** §145-3E.(1)(d) is amended as follows:

(d) Use of a police vehicle (local use only) shall be fixed at ~~\$108.00~~  
\$150.00

**SECTION 2:** §145-3E.(2)(b) is amended as follows:

(b) All requests for outside police details under this section shall give at least one hours’ advance notice. Failure to provide such advance notice shall result in an increase of the hourly fee for such detail from \$60 per hour to ~~\$70~~-\$90 per hour

**SECTION 3:** **Inconsistent Ordinances:**

Any ordinances of the Township of Clark which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 4:** **Effective Date:**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication, according to law.

Moved by Councilman Hund, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella



- Mayor replied your speeders on Madison Hill and Valley you might get some out-of-towners but the rest of the speeding going on is the people who live right here in town, when they get pulled over, they tell our police officers “I’m a resident and I pay taxes”
- she said that’s not an excuse, they should still get tickets written
- asked for further clarification on the traffic study she received regarding the speed limit on a main road and that there’s definitely a need for enforcement
- she understands that the town has an operating budget and a capital budget, she gave her view on the importance of the signs that records the drivers’ speed, she feels that will help the situation along with tickets being given out
- Mayor responded but the tape was inaudible due to his microphone not being on

Michael Shulman, 382 Carolina St.:

- conversation took place back and forth between him and the Mayor regarding roads that are owned by the County and what their position is regarding speeders and safety issues
- gave his views on the Wildlife Ordinance
- inquired about the process of introducing an ordinance and questioned if an expert is needed why aren’t they included prior to the night of the passage of ordinance
- Councilman Smith responded by explaining the process
- Mayor responded as well explaining different situations
- in closing he stated he appreciated his conversation with the Mayor

Seeing no one else coming forward Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, seconded by Councilman Toal

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Hund, Mazzearella, O’Connor, Smith, Toal, Minniti

**MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Bonaccorso: he’ll wait until the next meeting

Councilwoman Albanese: she stated she’s not going to repeat what she said earlier about why she voted the way she did or her feelings on it, it’s already on the record.

Councilman Hund: no comment at this time.

Councilman Mazzearella: no further comments.

Councilman O’Connor: thanked the people for coming out this evening to voice their opinion.

Councilman Smith: no further comments.

Councilman Toal: with regard to the Wildlife Ordinance he stated he made a decision by the way he voted tonight because he felt this matter after hearing Ms. Baldassarre that there are things that he’s not aware of and feels more discussion and knowledge is needed. He will be putting a legislative meeting together, will let everyone know the date, time and location.

Mrs. Merkel

I apologize I could not make this meeting but I have a prior commitment this evening that I could not reschedule. This letter in support of proposed ordinance 22-09 and if it could be read to the public I would appreciate it. I do not see how someone can oppose an ordinance in the interest of the health and well being of the residents of Clark. To some this is about them being allowed to feed whatever animal they see fit. We do not have a stray cat problem or let alone stray cat colonies. What we have is a problem of residents rescuing cats from all over the state, and releasing them into Clark neighborhoods that provide food and shelter for these stray animals. There are plenty of state and county agencies that provide for stray animals. Georgia Street should not be one of them. If residents want to do so, they should convert their property for the appropriate use and license all the animals they choose to rescue. We shouldn't have to see or deal with manmade habitats for rats, mice, pigeons, squirrels, rabbits, possums, raccoons, stray animals and so much more. All if not most of these animals spread disease from one to another. We have to worry everyday about heinous people diseases, including rabies, hookworm, and toxoplasmosis because we are now living with pests of all kinds. I ask that the council strongly consider this amendment that will hopefully put a stop to the uncomfortable living conditions in our neighborhood and our kids can finally enjoy the beautiful outdoors they are supposed to.

Thank You

Bart Glag

78 Georgia Street

## Clerk's Dept.

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**From:** DONNA FRANKOVSKY <frankov@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2022 11:58 AM  
**To:** Health & Vitals Dept; Steve Hund; Bill Smith; jminnitti@ourclark.com; Clerk's Dept.; Sal Bonaccorso  
**Subject:** Please eliminate the stray cat problem

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I have previously reported a number of stray cats on Fulton St and still experiencing a group of them using my family's yard as their private bathroom I don't know what needs to be done to eliminate this problem. I know there is a council meeting tonight but will be unable to attend. We have 2 small children that live here and for their health and safety I hope this problem gets resolved. I know it's a tough resolution but it makes me sick to think that my grandchildren can't enjoy their toys in the yard because of cat lovers favoring animal rights over human rights. I need to add that one has gotten killed on the street, they sleep under the cars and you can't drive right away without checking. Not to mention the spraying of bodily fluids that has a distinct disgusting odor. The human quality of life is being infringed upon.

Please do whatever you can to eliminate the stray cat population.

Thank you in advance for your attention.

Sent from my iPhone

## Clerk's Dept.

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**From:** NANCY raymond <nogonowski@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2022 2:21 PM  
**To:** Sal Bonaccorso; Jim Minniti; Angel Albanese; Frank Mazzarella; Patrick O'Connor; Steve Hund; Brian Toal; Clerk's Dept.  
**Subject:** Proposed Ordinance 22-09

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August 1, 2022

Good Afternoon:

As a resident tax payer, I am opposed to tonight's ordinance.

Sincerely,

Nancy Raymond

sent via personal computer/Comcast internet personal account

## Clerk's Dept.

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**From:** Nicole Castellucci on behalf of Sal Bonaccorso  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2022 3:01 PM  
**To:** Clerk's Dept.  
**Subject:** FW: Vote NO on Feeding Ban

Jim asked me to forward this to you.

**From:** Linda Barton <daisystich48@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 1, 2022 1:04 PM  
**To:** Sal Bonaccorso <mayor@ourclark.com>; Jim Minniti <jminniti@ourclark.com>; Angel Albanese <aalbanese@ourclark.com>; Steve Hund <shund@ourclark.com>  
**Subject:** Vote NO on Feeding Ban

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Please allow animal welfare groups and concerned citizens to continue to feed "stray" cats. Many are part of the trap, neuter and release program supported by individual citizens as well as various organizations. It is inhumane to allow those outdoor cats to starve to death.

The average life span of an outdoor cat is only 2 years due to predation, sickness and accidents. Over time neutering and natural attrition the numbers will lessen. On another note they aren't doing any harm, unlike the escalating deer population we see in our neighborhoods. If you are concerned about nuisance wildlife, stop over-building and taking their natural habitat away.

## Clerk's Dept.

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**From:** Linda Barton <daisystich48@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2022 4:17 PM  
**To:** Clerk's Dept.  
**Subject:** RE: Vote NO on Feeding Ban

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Thanks Edie!

Can you also bring this up?

- Not providing food & water is against NJ State Statue - Title 4 and with this ordinance those who do feed or provide water are in violation of the statue.

Linda

**Clerk's Dept.**

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**From:** mma <mdpa314@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2022 3:34 PM  
**To:** Sal Bonaccorso; Clerk's Dept.; Jim Minniti; Angel Albanese; Frank Mazarella; Patrick O'Connor; Steve Hund; Brian Toal  
**Subject:** Proposed ordinance: feeding ban

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To Whom It May Concern:

The feeding ban slated for approval tonight is misguided and will lead to more of a rift between government and residents.

To address resident feeding of wildlife is not an unreasonable goal. Will you also consider residents who continue to plant things that attract wildlife as being non-compliant? Union County's own survey shows that the vast majority of residents do not want violent, lethal, inhumane control of wildlife. Education is the only way to gain trust and effective, long-term solutions.

Requesting that residents do not put regular feedings out for wildlife is one way to discourage wildlife from becoming dependent on humans, which always leads to a bad ending for the non-human animals. However, cats are domestic animals, dependent on humans, and do not come under a 'wildlife' definition even if they are deemed to be free-roaming. Like dogs, you cannot include them as 'wildlife' Bird feeders are accepted, yet they attract wildlife and rodents. Do you see how important it is to discuss this and to define goals?

If you obtain the feeding ban ordinance from Jersey City, you will find a simple, comprehensive wording that will solve your problem. Jersey City endorses the spaying and neutering of outdoor cats and their maintenance through managed feeding. AHS, your contracted animal control facility, is willing and able to work with residents to decrease complaints as well as the kill rate that they will be forced into if you go through with this.

Health laws already exist to address trash and food disposal. The definition of "stray" can, and should, exclude ear-tipped cats and those who are spayed/neutered/vaccinated. Hours of feeding, to exclude nighttime feeding, are reasonable and possible. This is the humane, non-lethal, intelligent way to address the issue. Anything else will create lawbreakers and costly litigation. Please reconsider the wording of this ordinance.

Marie Ansari  
Union County Resident

## Clerk's Dept.

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**From:** Stephen Donahue <stephen.j.donahue.3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2022 6:27 PM  
**To:** Brian Toal; Angel Albanese; Jim Minniti; Sal Bonaccorso; Steve Hund; Frank Mazarella; Clerk's Dept.; Patrick O'Connor; Bill Smith  
**Subject:** Proposed Stray Animal Ordinance

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Dear Honorable Representatives:

In regard to your proposed feeding ban, please know that what you are looking to pass will lead to cats starving, and will not solve whatever potential public health concerns you may have. The cats will merely look for food in dumpsters. A better approach is TNR which has proven to be an effective policy to address community cats.

Thank you for your consideration.

Stephen J. Donahue

## Clerk's Dept.

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**From:** Nicole Castellucci on behalf of Sal Bonaccorso  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2022 3:42 PM  
**To:** Clerk's Dept.  
**Subject:** FW: Please say NO on Ord 22-09

**From:** reilly95@msn.com <reilly95@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 1, 2022 3:24 PM  
**To:** Sal Bonaccorso <mayor@ourclark.com>  
**Subject:** Please say NO on Ord 22-09

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Mayor Bonaccorso,  
Please say NO on Ord 22-09, regarding the care of wildlife which has been written to include strays in our area.

### **STRAY ANIMAL**

**Shall mean and include any dog or cat that is not licensed to a Township of Clark resident pursuant to the Code of the Township of Clark and kept and maintained on the resident's property.**

This is inhumane to those feral communities, as well as animals that were not meant to be strays but perhaps got out of their residences and are still too skittish to be caught and returned home. These animals are not causing harm to anyone.

Regina Reilly



## Clerk's Dept.

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**From:** Nicole Castellucci on behalf of Sal Bonaccorso  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2022 3:42 PM  
**To:** Clerk's Dept.  
**Subject:** FW: Ordinance regarding wildlife feeding

**From:** lisa roy apuzzio <leeroy93@email.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 1, 2022 3:32 PM  
**To:** Patrick O'Connor <poconnor@ourclark.com>; Steve Hund <shund@ourclark.com>; Brian Toal <btoal@ourclark.com>; Angel Albanese <aalbanese@ourclark.com>; Jim Minniti <jminniti@ourclark.com>; Sal Bonaccorso <mayor@ourclark.com>  
**Subject:** Ordinance regarding wildlife feeding

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To all in the Clark community,  
I am unable to attend tonights meeting

Please reconsider the ordinance to make feeding "stray" cats and wildlife prohibited. I do not feed in Clark or have this issue in our town but I am a business owner in Roselle Park and work closeley with the animal control officer there. The only solution that will work is to establish a TNR group (volunteers) They can trap and have the cats/kittens neutered. All other methods do not work. I purchased a business that had many stray cats residing there. I educated myself and with the help of the town and volunteers, trapped and neutered over 20 cats, they have all been released back to their habitatand fed daily. The kittens we were able to find homes for. This does work! It is over 4 years and there are no new kittens. If you have questions, I can give you contact info for Roselle Park animal control, they are a very animal friendly town and all work together to make it a good and humane situation for the people and animals here.

Thank you, Lisa Apuzzio 848-219-9887 15 Briarheath Lane