

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

ORDINANCE NO. ORD: 18/06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 2-44, TITLED "WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, BY AMENDING SUBSECTION 2-44.3 TITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT," BY AMENDING SUBSECTION 2-44.5 TITLED "ANNUAL REPORT," BY ADDING SUBSECTION 2-44.7 TITLED "MEETINGS AND MINUTES," AND BY ADDING SUBSECTION 2-44.8 TITLED "EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO BUDGETARY APPROVAL."

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows<sup>1</sup>:

Section 1. §2-44.3 "Administration of Wildlife Management" is hereby amended as follows:

a. *Wildlife Management Advisory Committee.* The Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint for staggered three-year terms, the members of the Wildlife Management Advisory Committee, composed of not more than seven (7) persons, who volunteer to serve on the Committee without compensation. All members of the Wildlife Management Advisory Committee shall be residents of the Borough of Watchung. ~~The Wildlife Management Advisory Committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall report to the Mayor and the Borough Council at regular Council meetings regarding wildlife management in the Borough.~~ A Chairman and Secretary shall be appointed by the Committee from the membership of same. ~~from its members and shall record the minutes of each meeting.~~ Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of each Committee meeting unless a majority of the Committee votes to suspend Roberts Rules of Order. The Committee shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Council.

b. *Public and Private Lands.* Subject to the laws of the State of New Jersey as hereafter provided, culling by the use of methods as approved by the Borough Council is hereby permitted on specifically designated Borough-owned land, and such lands owned by the County of Somerset or the State of New Jersey with appropriate authorization from those governments, and on designated private lands upon obtaining written authorization from the necessary property owners pursuant to a management plan. The

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<sup>1</sup>Editor's Note: The portions to be deleted are shown with strike-outs and will be deleted from the codified version of this Ordinance and the underlined portions will remain in the codified version of this Ordinance.

property owners participating in a management plan shall be notified in writing by the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Watchung that their participating in the management plan will become a government record subject to disclosure pursuant to the Open Public Records Act.

c. Annual Budgeting. Upon adoption of Section 2-44 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Watchung, this section, and annually thereafter, the Mayor, with the appropriate members of the administrative staff, shall develop a budget of costs and expenses associated with the implementation of this section. The Mayor shall report thereon to the Council along with recommendations for modifications to achieve savings in costs and expenses along with recommendations for funding resources and proposed appropriations.

Section 2. §2-44.5 "Annual Report" is hereby amended as follows:

The Committee may, upon adoption of Section 2-44 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Watchung this section, recommend a mechanism to establish an initial estimate of any wildlife species which appears to be overpopulated in the Borough. Thereafter, the Committee shall review the estimate of the wildlife population populate to determine the effectiveness of the efforts to be undertaken or undertaken to control the population and to reduce the damage caused by wildlife. The Committee shall recommend what additional actions, if any, should be taken to control the wildlife population of the identified wildlife species and to reduce the damage caused by the identified wildlife. The provision of this report is in addition to the requirement that the Committee maintain and submit minutes of its meetings to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung.

Section 3. §2-44.7 "Meetings and Minutes" is hereby added as follows:

a. Schedule of Meetings. The Chairman of the Wildlife Management Advisory Committee shall annually, within the first two weeks of January, schedule a minimum of four quarterly meetings which will be posted on the Borough Website. Such meetings may be cancelled by the President, within one week thereof. Notice of any cancellation must be posted on the Borough's Website.

b. Minutes. The Secretary of the Wildlife Management Advisory Committee shall keep minutes of all meetings of same. All minutes will be transmitted to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung within one week after approval. All such minutes are government records subject to disclosure pursuant to the state's Open Public Records Act.

Section 4. §2-44.8 "Expenditures Subject to Budgetary Approval" is hereby added as follows:

The Wildlife Management Advisory Committee shall expend no funds and shall incur no expenses except to the extent and for the items and purposes specified in the annual Borough budget approved by the Borough Council.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

**ATTEST:**

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**

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Michelle DeRocco, Clerk

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Stephen K. Pote, Mayor

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