

TOWN OF WESTERLY

CHAPTER 1941

“AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 76 OF THE WESTERLY CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED ‘ANIMALS’”

The Town of Westerly hereby ordains:

Section 1. Chapter 76 of the Westerly Code of Ordinances entitled “Animals” is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

ARTICLE IV  
**Feeding of Non-Domesticated Animals**

**§76-29. Purpose.**

The purpose of this article is to protect the health and safety of residents in the town with respect to dangers associated with coyotes and other non-domesticated animals by minimizing opportunities for such animals to obtain food from sources controlled or controllable by humans.

**§76-30. Definitions.**

Words and phrases used in this chapter shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context:

- A. Attractant means any substance which could reasonably be expected to attract or does attract coyotes or other non-domesticated animals.
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**§76.31. Prohibitions.**

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**§76.32. Exceptions.**

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**§76-33. Enforcement.**

Violations of this article are punishable by a civil penalty of from \$100.00 to \$500.00 for each day of violation.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

A true copy of an Ordinance passed October 29, 2018.

Per Order of the Town Council.

ATTEST: Donna L. Giordano, MMC  
Council Clerk

ADV: October 22, 2018  
CHG: Town Clerk #0101-0201-7001022  
**Westerly Sun Account: 7001022**

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Westerly, Rhode Island, on Monday, October 29, 2018, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., or as close to that time as possible, in accordance with the Home Rule Charter of the Town of Westerly, to consider the following Proposed Ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 76 OF THE WESTERLY CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED 'ANIMALS'"

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**All persons interested in the above are respectfully required to be present at the time and place to be heard thereon.**

INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED  
MUST CALL 348-2500 OR 596-2022 (V/TDD) 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING  
DATE.