

**SHAREHOLDER/RESIDENT REGULATIONS****Feeding Wildlife**

This policy is to set certain limitations on interactions between non-domesticated animals and members and residents living in close proximity, Non-domesticated wildlife is described as all members of the wild bird family, including but not limited to, hawks, owls, pigeons, doves, crows (Crows carry the West Nile virus.), and black birds, as well as other wildlife such as rabbits, opossums, raccoons, squirrels, rats, coyotes, and feral cats.

Handouts of food rarely meet the nutritional needs of wildlife and may cause those animals to gather and remain in small areas around the source of food. This human-to-wildlife interaction invites larger more aggressive predators, such as coyotes, to come to the area looking for food. Wild animals being fed by human interaction lose their fear of people which leaves the human at risk of being bitten and suffering substantial injury.

Additionally, many beloved family pets have been the unintended victims of feeding wildlife when taken by larger predators being drawn to unnatural food sources. These situations may also result in an encouraged rodent population, as well as insect infestation.

Therefore, in compliance with California Code of Regulations 251.1, Harassment of Animals, that states:

*“Except as otherwise authorized in the Fish and Game Code, no person shall harass, herd or drive any game or non-game bird or mammal or furbearing mammal. For the purposes of this section, harass is defined as an intentional act which disrupts an animal’s normal behavior patterns, which includes, but is not limited to, breeding, feeding, or sheltering.”*

The following is strictly prohibited:

1. Feeding any non-domesticated wildlife on Mutual property.
2. Pet food and standing water sources on patios, in carport areas, and in gardens.
3. Domesticated pets including caged birds kept on patios.
4. Trash and garbage, whether contained or not, left outside of the unit at any time.
5. Bird feeders with bird seed of any type at the unit or anywhere on Mutual property including hanging from trees or other support devices.

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A hummingbird-type feeder with liquid food is permitted at a unit but not on common area Mutual property including hanging from trees or other support devices.

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