

**Town of Lincoln & Lincoln Police Department
Wild Animal Ordinance**

Lincoln is a resort and recreational community with a large number of transient visitors and guests. A major portion of the town consists of White Mountain National Forest, home to an ever-increasing number of wild animals. This ordinance is adopted in an effort to assist our residents and guests in peacefully coexisting with the wild animals upon whose habitat we are infringing. Also, this ordinance is intended to enhance freedom and safety of movement in public areas of town.

NAME : _____
ADDRESS : _____

DATE : _____
TIME : _____
LOCATION : _____

In recognition that these animals are wild and should be left alone for the welfare and safety of both the animals and our residents and guests, it is hereby enacted by the Board of Selectmen that:

- (A) No person shall engage in the practice of baiting of wild animals. For purposes of this ordinance, baiting shall mean the placing of any food or other substances so as to lure or attract wild animals. For purposes of this ordinance, wild animals shall include fur-bearing and game animals as defined by NH RSA 207:1.
- (B) No person shall loiter within 100 feet of the solid waste dumpsters nor shall they knowingly approach within 100 feet of any wild animal within the zoning confines of the Town of Lincoln.
- (C) All domestic and commercial refuse must be placed in one of the following:
 - A building, house or garage that is inaccessible to wildlife
 - A wildlife resistant container
 - A container that is placed in a wildlife-resistant enclosure

The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to all persons except those licensed by the State of New Hampshire, Department of Fish and Game. Any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine of not more than \$500.00. A person may choose to pay a civil forfeiture of \$25.00 to the Town Clerk within 48 hours of the time notice of violation is provided and shall thereby waive the right to be heard in district court and shall not be prosecuted for that offense. For each subsequent offense by that same person, the amount of civil forfeiture shall be \$50.00. However, civil forfeiture may not be paid three (3) offenses in one (1) year, but rather their case shall be disposed of by district court proceedings and fines.

You are required to pay a civil forfeiture as indicated below to the Town Clerk. This must be done within 96 hours (four days) from the date and time of this notice. Any person required to pay a civil forfeiture may have his/her case disposed of in court. If paid, said payment shall be in full satisfaction of the assessed penalty.

() WARNING

- () \$25.00 for the first baiting offense under RSA 207:1
- () \$50.00 for the second offense committed within 12 months of the first offense under RSA 207:1
- () \$25.00 for the first loitering/approaching offense under RSA 207:1
- () \$50.00 for the second loitering/approaching offense committed within 12 months under RSA 207:1
- () \$50.00 for the first refuse offense under RSA 207:1
- () \$100.00 for the second refuse offense committed within 12 months of the first offense under RSA 207:1

If the civil forfeiture is not paid within 4 days, a summons to appear in the Plymouth District Court to answer to the above violation(s) will be issued.

Order issued to _____ of _____
On _____ by _____ at _____ hrs.