

Timber Creek Homeowners Association

Resolution on the Feeding of Deer

Unfortunately a few well-intentioned people in the Timber Creek neighborhood continue to routinely feed deer, despite effort by the HOA and the Fish and Game Department to discourage this practice. Within the past several weeks deer have attacked dogs on two occasions and a homeowner with her leashed dog was prevented from approaching her home.

Whereas the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife recommends that people not feed deer, for a number of reasons, including:

- Does are extremely aggressive in protecting their fawns and are a threat to dogs even when leashed.
- Artificial feeding concentrates wildlife, which leads to the easier spread of disease and parasites.
- Feeding deer creates an unnatural dependency on humans.
- Feeding deer attracts their natural predators like cougars and coyotes to areas of human activity.
- Feeding deer invites more deer to the neighborhood and encourages them to stay.
- Artificial feeding can cause deer to become habituated to and aggressive towards humans.
- Concentrating deer in human-settled areas can lead to an increase in vehicle collisions and conflicts between wildlife and pets.

And, whereas the feeding of deer has attracted an increasing number of deer to our neighborhood, and

Whereas owners report annoyance over the damage to landscaping, deer poop on lawns, and other effects of deer in the neighborhood,

Therefore, be it Resolved that:

The feeding of deer within the Timber Creek neighborhood is a “Nuisance” within the meaning of Section 7.4 of the Association’s Bylaws, which states: “No nuisances will be allowed upon the Property, nor any use or practice that is the source of annoyance to residents...”

And, be it Further Resolved that:

The Secretary of the Association will notify owners and residents that the practice of feeding deer within the Timber Creek neighborhood is a nuisance and is prohibited; Commencing within 15 days of the approval of this resolution, violators are subject to an initial fine of \$250 with additional amounts for continued violation in accordance with Section 7.6 of the Association’s CC&Rs. The enforcement process

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and procedures are per Article 10 (Fines & Charges) of the Bylaws of the Timber Creek Homeowners Association.

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