

505.22 FEEDING OF DEER PROHIBITED.

(a) Definitions. In this Section, “food” means corn, fruit, oats, hay, wheat, alfalfa, salt or mineral blocks, grain, vegetables, human food scraps, commercially sold wildlife feed, birdseed, or livestock feed. “Food” does not include shrubs, live crops, plants, flowers, vegetation, gardens, trees, and fruit or nuts that have fallen from trees to the ground.

(b) Feeding of Deer Prohibited. No person shall intentionally feed deer or make food available for consumption by deer on private or public property within the City of Westlake. A person shall be presumed to have intentionally fed deer, or made food available for consumption by deer, if the person places food or causes food to be placed on the ground or any alternative feed venue outdoors other than bird feeders.

(c) Affirmative Defense. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section if a person places food, in good faith, for the purpose of feeding domestic animals owned and located on the involved property.

(d) Penalty. Whoever violates this section shall receive a warning on the first offense, and is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on subsequent offenses. Penalty shall be as provided in Section [505.99](#).
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