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Part 1**Delegation of Authority Over Health Matters
to Allegheny County Health Department****§10-101. Cessation of Functions.**

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Borough of Thornburg that the Borough of Thornburg does hereby cease to exercise any of the public health functions vested in it by law and does hereby become subject to the jurisdiction of said County Department of Health of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

(Ord. 158, 1/14/1957)

§10-102. Dissolution of Board; Health Officer.

The Department of Board of Health of the Borough of Thornburg is hereby dissolved, and the office of Health Officer of the Borough of Thornburg is hereby declared vacant, without prejudice to the rights of the Borough of Thornburg to erect, purchase or lease and administer hospitals or to exercise in the future such rights as said Borough may have to promote and protect the public health of its citizens and residents.

(Ord. 158, 1/14/1957)

Part 2**Abandoned Vehicles; Storage of Vehicles****§10-201. Storing Abandoned and Junked Vehicles Unlawful.**

On and after the effective date of this Part, it shall be unlawful for any person, as herein defined, to store or keep any abandoned or junked vehicle on public property within the limits of the Borough of Thornburg.

(*Ord. 330, 10/10/1990, §110-19*)

§10-202. Storing Certain Types of Vehicles Restricted.

On and after the effective date of this Part, it shall be unlawful for any person, as herein defined, to store or keep for a period in excess of 48 hours any trailer, boat, mobile home, camper unit or mechanized machinery or equipment of any kind on any highway or public property within the limits of the Borough of Thornburg.

(*Ord. 330, 10/10/1990, §110-20*)

§10-203. Violations.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(*Ord. 330, 10/10/1990, §110-21; as amended by Ord. 387, 12/14/2009*)

Part 3**Wild Animal Feeding****§10-301. Short Title.**

This Part shall be known and may be cited as the “Borough of Thornburg Wild Animal Feeding Ordinance.”

(*Ord. 400, 6/10/2013, §301*)

§10-302. Authority, Purpose and Legislative Findings of Fact.

1. This Part is enacted pursuant to authority at §§1202(4) and (5) and 1203 of the Borough Code.

2. The purpose of this Part is to regulate and restrict the feeding of wild animals within the Borough so as to prevent nuisance conditions resulting from the feeding of wild animals that may impair the public health, safety or welfare or adversely affect the use and enjoyment of neighboring properties.

3. The Council of the Borough of Thornburg finds:

A. Feeding of wild animals can concentrate animals at feeding areas, resulting in accumulation of animal feces, increased odors and increased transmission of animal diseases.

B. Feeding wild animals draws animals into increased contact with persons, pets and vehicles, with potential for disturbance, damage or injury to persons, pets, property, vehicles and wild animals.

C. Feeding wild animals can result in rotted feed accumulating on the ground, with resulting odors and attraction of rodents.

D. The nuisances resulting from animal feeding described in paragraphs .A, .B, .C are minimal in the case of bird feeding as described in §10-304.

(*Ord. 400, 6/10/2013, §302*)

§10-303. Definitions.

Wherever used in this Part, the following words shall have the meaning indicated:

Animal food—any food, including but not limited to bird seed, and food prepared for, or otherwise left for, wild animals to consume.

Borough—the Borough of Thornburg, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Property owner—a legal or equitable owner of any real property within the Borough of Thornburg.

Wild animal—any animal not normally domesticated, including, but not limited to, deer, wild geese, feral cats, groundhogs and birds.

(*Ord. 400, 6/10/2013, §303*)

§10-304. Applicability.

This Part shall not apply to persons feeding songbirds or other backyard birds, on

property owned or leased by them, provided that:

A. Such feeding does not create unreasonable disturbance to neighboring property owners or impair their ability to use and enjoy their property.

B. Such feeding does not create an accumulation of droppings on the feeder's property or on surrounding properties.

C. Such feeding is not done in a manner or volume so as to attract rodents, deer or other wild animals.

D. Such feeding is done by the placement of feed in bird feeders placed at least 5 feet above the ground.

(Ord. 400, 6/10/2013, §304)

§10-305. Feeding of Wild Animals Prohibited.

No person shall purposely or knowingly feed, bait or leave items attractive to wild animals on land either publicly or privately owned within the Borough.

(Ord. 400, 6/10/2013, §305)

§10-306. Enforcement.

Enforcement of this Part may be performed by the following: the Mayor of the Borough of Thornburg, the Crafton Police Department, the Borough Animal Control Officer, the Borough Code Enforcement Officer, and any other person appointed, from time to time, by the Borough to enforce the provisions of this Part.

A. Failure to discontinue prohibited feeding, within 24 hours after a notice of violation is issued, shall constitute a violation, with each day of continued prohibited feeding to constitute a separate violation.

(Ord. 400, 6/10/2013, §306)

§10-307. Violations and Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days.

(Ord. 400, 6/10/2013, §306)