

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART, INDIANA
Ordinance No. 2025- 01

**PROHIBITING FEEDING WILD GEESE, DUCKS, AND OTHER MIGRATORY
WATERFOWL WITHIN THE CITY OF HOBART**

WHEREAS, based on City staff reports, citizen complaints, and a recent professional study performed by Wild Goose Chase, a copy of which is made a part of the record, the Council finds that a large and excessive amount of goose feces is deposited on public property, including, but not limited to, parks, lawns, and sidewalks, due to the overabundance of a year-round wild goose population in the City of Hobart; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the public's exposure to the large amount of wild goose feces creates a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents and visitors and contaminates surface water runoff which impairs the use of the public water bodies in the City and is, therefore, a public nuisance; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that people feeding the wild geese, ducks and other migratory waterfowl encourages the fowl to come to and remain in the City year-round which exacerbates the unsafe conditions caused by the goose feces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hobart, Indiana is hereby amended in **Chapter 90** entitled "**ANIMALS AND FOWL**" to add the following section:

**Section 90.06 – Prohibition of Feeding Wild Geese, Ducks, and other Migratory
Waterfowl**

It is unlawful for any person to feed wild geese, ducks, and other migratory fowl within the city or upon or around any stream within the city; and that the violation of this prohibition creates a public nuisance for which a financial penalty may be assessed pursuant to Section 10.99.

SECTION TWO: That all existing City Code Sections and Ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby deemed null, void, and of no legal effect, and are specifically repealed.

SECTION THREE: If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance.

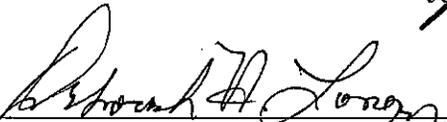
SECTION FOUR: That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the City Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana, and publication in conformance with applicable law.

FURTHER BE IT ORDAINED, that the City of Hobart intends to create an enforceable Ordinance which is compliant with all Federal, State and Local laws, in the event, that this Ordinance, or any part of it, or any provision, or any classification contained therein, is found to be unconstitutional, the remaining portion will remain in effect and will be found to be valid.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana, on this 5th day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

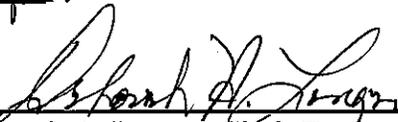


Joshua Huddlestun, Presiding Officer

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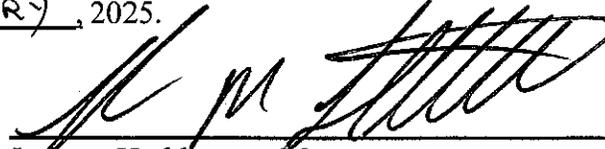
Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Hobart on the 5th day of FEBRUARY, 2025 at the hour of 7:00 pm,



Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED, EXECUTED and RETURNED by me to the Common Council of the City of Hobart on this 5th day of FEBRUARY, 2025.



Joshua Huddlestun, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer