

VILLAGE OF SALTAIRE
LOCAL LAW OF 2025
LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 5; ANIMALS

Sections 5-3, 5-5, and 5-7 are amended to read as follows, all other Sections of Chapter 38 remain as currently stated.

“§ 5-3. Abandonment prohibited; cruelty to animals prohibited.

- A. No person owning or having charge or custody of an animal shall abandon it upon leaving the village.
- B. No person shall in any manner harm, torture, harass, starve, poison or use any weapon or other instrument against, or perform any other act of cruelty, abuse or violence upon any animal, whether domestic, feral, or wildlife, within the Village of Saltaire, except for the hunting of game birds as provided by Section 5-6 hereunder, or except in cases in which a licensed exterminator is engaged in the performance of his work in eliminating pests or animals that pose a danger to public health and safety.
- C. Penalties for offenses. Upon a conviction, guilty finding or plea, a fine shall be imposed pursuant to Section 1-13 of the Saltaire Village Code. Each incidence in which an animal is abandoned or harmed shall constitute a separate offense and each day that any violation remains uncured shall constitute a separate violation hereunder.”

B. § 5-5. Feeding of deer; is hereby amended to read as follows:

“§ 5-5. Feeding of deer and wildlife prohibited.

- A. Legislative findings. It is hereby found and declared that the presence of large numbers of wild deer and other wildlife within the village constitutes a health and safety hazard to the inhabitants of the village, in the dangers of transmission of disease, physical injury to people and damage to property. It is the intent of the Board to mitigate these dangers by restricting the availability of feed or other inducements which attract deer or other wildlife into the village and thereby to limit the potential dangers posed by their presence.
- B. Feeding of deer and wildlife prohibited. It is prohibited to install, erect or maintain any device for the feeding of deer or other wildlife or to leave feed in exposed or open containers or scattered loosely for such purpose.

C. All food waste shall be properly disposed of in designated containers which shall be securely set out for collection, as provided in Chapter 45 of this Code, so as to prevent incursion by any animal.”

D. Exceptions. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections A and B of this Section, the following exceptions to this local law shall apply:

- (1) The feeding of birds shall be permitted, provided that the feed is contained in a bird feeder installed in such a manner and place as to be inaccessible to other animals.
- (2) The feeding of deer by the Village, as part of an authorized tick control program, shall be permitted in such manner as the Board shall determine, and no individual or other entity shall be permitted to undertake or engage in such a program.
- (3) The feeding of feral cats shall be permitted by such means as the Board may direct, as part of any program or policy intended to control their population, and to aid such other purposes (including neutering) as the Board shall deem to be in the best interests of the community.

C. § 5-7. Additional penalties for violations; is hereby amended to read as follow:

“§ 5-7. Additional penalties for violations

The provisions of this Chapter are subject to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State and Suffolk County Departments of Health, and the Suffolk County Agency for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and violations of this Chapter shall, where applicable, be reported to the relevant agency or agencies, whether one of the agencies listed herein or another agency with jurisdiction.”

Severability,

In the event that any portion of this local law shall be deemed to be invalid or unenforceable the remaining portions of the local law shall remain in full force.