



FEEDING OF ANIMALS IN CITY PARKS

POLICY

City Code Section 6.05.130 prohibits the feeding of animals on public property that has been posted with signs warning against the feeding activity. Requests to post signs on public property to enforce this policy are reviewed and approved by the City Manager on a case-by-case basis, with one exception. Requests to prohibit the feeding of animals in Central Park shall be reviewed by City Council.

PROCEDURE

1. A written request, listing the reasons for the request, to prohibit the feeding of animals in a specific city park shall be submitted to the City Parks and Recreation Department. In the case of Central Park, the written request shall be submitted to the City Clerk's Office for City Council consideration.
2. The request is reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Director of Parks and Recreation makes a recommendation to the City Manager whether to prohibit the feeding of animals in a specific park.
3. If the City Manager (or City Council, in the case of Central Park) approves the request, the Parks and Recreation Department will arrange for the posting of signs at the specific park, using the following criteria:
 - ◆ Letters on warning sign shall be at least one inch in height.
 - ◆ Wording shall be substantially as follows: "Warning – The feeding of animals [*give location*] is prohibited pursuant to S.C.C.C. § 6.05.130."
 - ◆ Warning signs shall be placed in conspicuous locations on the posted property, taking into account the physical configuration of the property.

Reference: *City Code Section 6.05.130, adopted 02/02/06*