

**SPRING CITY
ORDINANCE 2026-09**

FEEDING OF DEER PROHIBITED

WHEREAS, Spring City is experiencing increased deer population; and

WHEREAS, the deer population is a safety concern for motorists; and

WHEREAS, residents are experiencing increased property damage

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the Spring City, in the State of Utah, as follows:

SECTION 1: **ADOPTION** “ARTICLE C DEER” of the Spring City Municipal Code is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

ARTICLE C DEER(*Added*)

SECTION 2: **ADOPTION** “5-2C-1 PURPOSE AND INTENT” of the Spring City Municipal Code is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

5-2C-1 PURPOSE AND INTENT(*Added*)

A prohibition against feeding deer located in Spring City will decrease property damage to gardens and landscaping and potential for loss of life, bodily injury, and property damage as a result of vehicle accidents with deer and is an essential element to the city's Deer Control Plan as required by the State of Utah Regulation R657-65, Urban Deer Control.

SECTION 3: **ADOPTION** “5-2C-2 FEEDING OF DEER PROHIBITED” of the Spring City Municipal Code is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

5-2C-2 FEEDING OF DEER PROHIBITED(*Added*)

- A. It is unlawful for a person to make food available with the intent that it be consumed by or attract deer on public or private lands. Food includes any fruit, grain, mineral, salt, vegetable, or other material placed outdoors for consumption by deer, but excludes shrubs, live crops, plants, flowers, vegetation, gardens, trees, and fruit or nuts that have fallen on the ground from trees.
- B. The provisions of this ordinance do not apply to an animal control officer, veterinarian, peace officer, city employee, authorized urban bow-hunting specialist, federal or state wildlife officials, or property owner who is authorized by a local state or federal government to count, treat, manage, capture, trap, hunt, or remove deer and who is acting within the scope of the person's authority.
- C. The provisions of this Section does not apply to those feeding livestock in accordance with conventional agriculture or livestock operations practices.
- D. Any materials placed for the purpose of feeding deer is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, which may be abated, summarily by civil action or by criminal prosecution. Fines shall be assessed in accordance with the fee schedule.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE SPRING CITY COUNCIL

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	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilmember Michael Broadbent	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember James Baker	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Chris Anderson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Laurel Workman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Stan Soper	_____	_____	_____	_____

Presiding Officer

Attest

Paul Penrod, Mayor, Spring City

Ruth Ann McCain, City Recorder,
Spring City