

**SPRING CITY
ORDINANCE 2026-09**

FEEDING OF DEER PROHIBITED

WHEREAS, Spring City is experiencing an increased deer population within the City;
and

WHEREAS, the presence of deer within the City creates concerns for public safety,
including the potential for vehicle accidents resulting in bodily injury and property damage;
and

WHEREAS, residents are experiencing property damage to gardens, landscaping, and
other property associated with deer within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Spring City Council finds that prohibiting the intentional feeding of
deer will support the City's efforts to reduce property damage and public safety concerns
associated with deer and is an essential element of the City's Deer Control Plan as required by
Utah Administrative Rule R657-65, Urban Deer Control; and

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.

SECTION 4: **REPEALER CLAUSE** All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof, which are in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: **SEVERABILITY CLAUSE** Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinances a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 6: **EFFECTIVE DATE** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from October 1, 2026 and after the required approval and publication according to law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE SPRING CITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 01, 2026.

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilmember Michael Broadbent	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Councilmember James Baker	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Chris Anderson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Laurel Workman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Stan Soper	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Presiding Officer

Attest



 Paul Penrod, Mayor, Spring City



 Ruth Ann McCain, City Recorder,
 Spring City

