ORDINANCE NO. 2026- 91

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 505.24 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TITLED "FEEDING WILD ANIMALS AND FOWL" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council does hereby enact Section 505.24 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Kent titled "Feeding Wild Animals and Fowl" per the Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: October 21, 2026
Date

Jack Amrhein
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: October 21, 2026
Date

ATTEST: Kathleen Coleman
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *ORDINANCE No.* 2026-91, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON October 21, 2026.

(SEAL)

Kathleen Coleman
KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

EXHIBIT A

505.24 FEEDING WILD ANIMALS AND FOWL

(a) No person shall provide food for deer, geese, ducks, raccoons, skunks, rodents, fowl, chipmunks, squirrels, feral cats or other wild animals or wildlife by setting such food out on any public or private property. This section does not apply to animals owned by a person or songbirds fed from a sanitary bird feeder so long as doing so does not create a nuisance.

(b) Exceptions to this section shall include growing flower and food gardens, landscape plantings, and decorations, such as gourds, pumpkins and other edible items so long as they are contained on the front porch or stoop of the residence.

(b) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Penalty shall be provided in Section 501.99.