

Adopting Ordinance 910 -
Amending Chapter 8.12 to Expressly
Prohibit Waterfowl Feeding in City Park
Facilities

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Waterfowl feeding problem

- Impacts water quality and human & animal health
 - Greater volume of fecal waste
 - Higher concentrations on beaches

Benefits:

- Cleaner, healthier, & safer parks
- Reduce swimming beach closures
- Improved water quality
- Reduce potential for negative bird x human encounters
- Improved bird health

Proposed Code Amendment Language

Feeding waterfowl prohibited. No person shall place, deposit, scatter, or distribute food of any kind or nature in any park with an intent to feed waterfowl



NOBODY WANTS A POOPY LAKE

Poop is GROSS.

It can make people, pets, and wildlife sick –
even in small amounts.



Please Help Us Keep Poop Out of Hidden Lake

Pickup After Your Dog

It isn't the best part of the job, but it is part of the job description.

Do Not Feed the Ducks

An overabundance of food leads to an overabundance of poop!

Hidden Lake fecal bacteria levels are monitored throughout summer to ensure a safe beach for wading, swimming, and dog drinking. When bacteria levels become unsafe (too much poop), King County Health Department advises beach closures. For more information: <https://green2.kingcounty.gov/swimbeach/>



Committed to using education and outreach as primary tool to discourage waterfowl feeding



Education and Outreach Strategy

Educational messaging:

- Engaging park signage
- Messaging via Currents, social media

Engaging waterfowl feeders:

- Explanation of the park rule & reason for it
- Provide educational flyer

Education and Outreach Strategy

- Education & Outreach by SWU & Parks Staff
- Occur during normal field duties
- Education & Outreach only during first year of code

Consistent with Other Park Rules

Code supports:

- Norms for expected behavior
- Engaging park user



Proposed Education & Outreach Strategy



Encounter	Response	Personnel
1st encounter	Education only; no mention of citation	SWU & Parks Staff
2nd encounter	Education only; no mention of citation	SWU & Parks Staff
3rd encounter	Education + verbal notice that citation possible for repeated violations	SWU & Parks Staff

Proposed Enforcement Strategy



Encounter	Response	Personnel
4th encounter	Forward for enforcement	SWU & Parks Staff

- Contracted officer for enforcement

Council Discussion

I move to adopt ordinance 910
amending Chapter 8.12 to expressly prohibit
waterfowl feeding in City park facilities

