Presque Isle Township Ordinance Number 4 of 2013

Title: Prohibition of feeding waterfowl on or near waterways in Presque Isle Township

The Township of Presque Isle ordains:

I Waterfowl feeding

a) Purpose. The presence of large numbers of waterfowl concentrated along waterways causes a public health hazard by creating a nuisance of fecal material and by contaminating beaches, public swimming areas and shoreline parks used by the public. Accordingly, this Ordinance is adopted to prevent such conduct as may attract and concentrate waterfowl species on and around Long Lake, Lake Huron, Grand Lake and Lake Esau, as well as any riparian tributaries of these bodies of water.

b) Definitions.

i. "Waterfowl" shall mean ducks, geese, swans, gulls, and coots.
ii. "Feeding" shall mean the act of providing food or other sustenance in any form to waterfowl species.
iii. "Tributary" shall mean any stream within the Township flowing into or out of the lakes of Long Lake, Grand lake, Lake Huron, or Lake Esau.
iv. "Shoreline" shall mean the boundary between any land surface and any body of water.

c) Prohibition on feeding Waterfowl

i. No person shall feed, cause to be fed, or provide food for any waterfowl on any lands, either privately or publicly owned, within 200 feet of any shoreline.
ii. No person shall create or foster any condition, or allow any condition to exist or continue, which results in the congregation or congestion of waterfowl within the Township of Presque Isle.

d) Exceptions. This Ordinance shall not be construed so as to prevent humane acts toward waterfowl in individual cases, such as the temporary nurturing of a wounded bird on one's own premises, nor shall it prohibit the erection and maintenance of birdfeeders for the purpose of feeding other avian species on private property.

e) Penalty: A person who violates this Ordinance shall be held responsible for a municipal civil infraction.