

The Charlevoix City Council met on Monday, August 18, 2025 with Mayor Lyle Gennett presiding. The following is an excerpt from the official records of said meeting.

Motion by Kalbfell, seconded by Spring to approve Feeding of Wild Animals Prohibited, Ordinance 862 of 2025, as presented.

**CITY OF CHARLEVOIX  
ORDINANCE NO. 862 of 2025**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 90 AND 91 TO PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF CERTAIN WILD ANIMALS

**THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:**

**Section 1: Title IX, Chapter 90, shall be amended by adding a section 90.06 and read as follows:**

Sec. 90.06.

**Feeding of wild animals and birds is prohibited except the feeding of birds and squirrels by means of an elevated feeder.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to feed any wild animal in any area in the city. Wild animals shall include all raccoons, skunks, rodents, rabbits, crows, wild birds, including without limitation, pigeons, doves, and seagulls, feral cats, mice, fowl, waterfowl, gophers, groundhogs, moles, opossums, squirrels, and every other wild animal.

(b) All ground feeding is prohibited. The scattering of food or food scraps on the ground by an individual shall be prima facie evidence that the individual intended to provide the food or food scraps for ground feeding. Feeding fish in the City's trout pond with food obtained from an approved feeder shall not be a violation of this chapter.

(c) This prohibition shall not apply to the feeding of wild birds or squirrels provided that such feeding is done only from containers and supports which prohibit access by other rodents and/or wild animals and are elevated at least 48 inches above ground level.

**Section 2: Title IX, Chapter 91, Section 91.03(N) shall be amended by including a reference to Section 90.06:**

(N) Keeping, housing or feeding any wild or domestic animals or wild or domestic fowl within the city other than dogs, cats, birds or animals commonly classified as pets. For the purposes of this division (N), the term **DOG** shall include the male and female of the dog family or genus canis, and "Feeding Wild Animals" shall be as defined in Section 90.06;

**Section 3. Severability.**

No other portion, paragraph or phase of the Code of the City of Charlevoix, Michigan shall be affected by this Ordinance except as to the above sections, and in the event any portion, section or subsection of this Ordinance shall be held invalid for any reason, such invalidation shall not be construed to affect the validity of any other part or portion of this Ordinance or of the Code of the City of Charlevoix, Michigan.

**Section 4. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

Ordinance No. 862 was adopted on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025 A.D., by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Motion by: Cole

Seconded by: Spring

Yeas: Parr, Spring, Knapp, Cole, Kalbfell, Hagen

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion carried.**

State of Michigan } §  
City of Charlevoix

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Sarah J. Dvoracek Clerk Lyle Gennett Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, the City Clerk of the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 862 adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on August 18, 2025 the original of which is on file in the Clerk's office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1976.

Dated: 08/18/2025

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Sarah J. Dvoracek, City Clerk