

# Powell Township

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## Feeding of Wildlife Resolution

**WHEREAS**, Powell Township has had an increase in wildlife in the town of Big Bay and has found the necessity to pass the Feeding of Wildlife Resolution,

**WHEREAS**, what defines wildlife includes domestic animals released and that have the opportunity to populate,

**WHEREAS**, feeding wildlife can lead to the following conditions;

- Cause any bird, waterfowl, wildlife, or vermin to congregate on neighbor's property as well
- Cause or result in damage to public or private property
- Create a danger to or interfere with the public health or welfare. Too many animals in one place increases the chance of disease transmission to people and among other wildlife
- Animals fed along roads tend to stay near roads, increasing the chance of vehicle-animal accidents
- Animals accustomed to people often lose their fear of people and can become aggressive
- Can attract predators in small congregated areas

**WHEREAS**, Feeding of any wildlife or vermin on any public or private property is prohibited in Big Bay, excluding controlled and maintained bird feeders, when the Powell Township Board deems the previous conditions occurring,

**WHEREAS**, the township does not provide services to remove healthy residential wildlife; If interested or needing to remove nuisance wildlife please contact a residential wildlife control company or, in the case of domestic animals being abandoned, Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare has resources for saving the animals,

**WHEREAS**, residents of Big Bay who are found to be feeding wildlife that creates health and welfare issues and loss of property shall be asked by the Township Board or Supervisor to discontinue such actions,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Powell Township Board has passed the Feeding the Wildlife Resolution as of September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The foregoing resolution offered by board member Stanley

Supported by board member Hudson

Upon a roll call vote:

"aye"

"nay"

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.



Clerk