

## ORDINANCE NO. 51

### AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE INTENTIONAL FEEDING OF GEESE AND OTHER WATERFOWL ON OR ADJACENT TO LAKE RIPLEY

WHEREAS, Lake Ripley's resident goose and waterfowl population appears to be growing prolifically, and is rapidly becoming an impediment to the public's use and enjoyment of the lake; and

WHEREAS, excessive numbers of geese can damage shorelines, pollute the water via defecation, spread diseases, displace other wildlife, and introduce parasites that cause Swimmers Itch; and

WHEREAS, feeding of geese and waterfowl entices birds into delaying their migration and often into becoming permanent residents; and

WHEREAS, feeding can eventually cause the birds to become dependent on these "junk food" handouts, which do little to satisfy their nutritional needs for survival; and

WHEREAS, feeding encourages large numbers of birds to congregate and compete for very limited food supplies in small, concentrated areas; and

WHEREAS, feeding leads to overcrowding and poor nourishment, increasing waterfowl susceptibility to life threatening diseases.

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Oakland, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, DOES ORDAIN as follows:

1. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY. This ordinance is adopted for the purpose of promoting the public health and welfare, and to preserve the natural environment that supports a diversity of wildlife on Lake Ripley, through the regulation of activities related to the direct feeding of geese and other waterfowl.

2. REGULATORY PROVISIONS. No person shall intentionally feed by hand or stationary feeding system any species of goose, duck or other waterfowl on the waters of Lake Ripley or within the lake's shoreland zone (1,000 feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark).

3. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION. Any person, firm or corporation violating this ordinance shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$25 and not more than \$100. Each day of violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective following its adoption, posting and/or publication as provided by law.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2001.

TOWN OF OAKLAND, by:

Raymond Kuvce  
Chairman

Attest:

Lisa L. Duckhoff  
Town Clerk

Passed: May 15, 2001

Vote:

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

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