

Section 2327.21

- (A) As used in this section:
 - (1) “Deer” means native and wild white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*).
 - (2) “Feed” means to make food available for consumption, including the act of placing or permitting to be placed on the ground, or within five feet of the ground, any device or any fruits, grains, minerals, plants, salt licks, vegetables, seeds, nuts, hay, or any other edible materials that may reasonably be expected to result in consumption by deer, unless such items are screened or otherwise protected from deer consumption.
- (B) Except as otherwise provided for in division (D) of this section, no person shall knowingly feed deer or cause deer to be fed on any private or public property.
- (C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.
- (D) The prohibition in division (B) of this section shall not apply to any of the following:
 - (1) Any health department employee, law enforcement officer, or state or federal game official acting within the scope of their official duties;
 - (2) Feeding that is authorized by the Mayor on an emergency basis or authorized as part of a deer management program;
 - (3) A farm, zoo, or other type of duly authorized animal sanctuary or educational institution with live specimens.