

DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTRY

BYLAW 1280

A BYLAW TO PROHIBIT THE ATTRACTING OF WILDLIFE OR VECTORS

The Council of the District of Lake Country, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

In this bylaw:

“Animal Attractant” means any substance that could reasonably be expected to attract **Wildlife** or does attract **Wildlife** including, but not limited to household refuse, kitchen waste, food or food products, barbecues grills, carcass or part of a carcass of an animal or fish, or other meat, pet food, bird feed, diapers, grease barrels, fruit, oil and other petroleum products, antifreeze, other chemical products and or any other substance or thing prescribed by regulation under the *BC Wildlife Act*.

“Vector” means an animal that is capable of transmitting disease or parasites from one animal, plant or source to another including, but not limited to mice, rats, mosquitoes, insects, fleas, cockroaches, bedbugs, racoons and skunks.

“Wildlife” means all amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals including large carnivores such as bear cougar, coyote or wolf, excluding any domesticated animal under the control of a human or agricultural animal.

2. PROHIBITIONS

2.1. No person or owner or occupier of property shall:

- (a) feed or attempt to feed **Wildlife** or **Vectors**;
- (b) provide, leave or place an **Animal Attractant** on any property, in a manner that attracts or could attract **Wildlife** or **Vectors**;
- (c) cause, permit or allow the accumulation, storage or collection of an **Animal Attractant** on any property, in a manner that attracts or could attract **Wildlife** or **Vectors**;
- (d) cause, permit or allow a nuisance to be created by the presence of accumulation of an **Animal Attractant** on any property;
- (e) cause, permit or allow a nuisance to be created by the presence of **Wildlife** or **Vectors** on a property;
- (f) allow any outdoor refrigerator, freezer, storage container, device or apparatus that contains **Animal Attractants** to be located or equipped so that it is accessible to **Wildlife** or **Vectors**;
- (g) cause, permit or allow the accumulation of any garbage or compost on a property in a manner that attracts, or could attract, or may be accessible to **Wildlife** or **Vectors**.

2.2. No owner or occupier of property shall cause, allow, or permit:

- (a) any building or improvement;
- (b) any brush, trees, weeds or other growths;
- (c) any water, whether moving or standing; or
- (d) any other condition;

on a property to provide food, shelter, or breeding conditions that could attract **Wildlife** or **Vectors**.

2.3. For certainty, Prohibitions in Section 2, do not apply to:

- (a) farm operations;
- (b) plants or vegetation growing on property, including natural vegetation, personal gardens, ornamental plants or flowers and products;
- (c) hummingbird and bird feeders on private property provided feeders are inaccessible to **Wildlife** and **Vectors** and the area is kept clean.

3. **PENALTIES**

3.1. No person shall do any act or suffer or permit any act or thing to be done in contravention of this bylaw.

3.2. Any person who violates a provision of this bylaw or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this bylaw or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this bylaw, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) plus the cost of prosecution.

3.3. Each day that the violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate offence.

4. **ADMINISTRATION, ENTRY AND INSPECTION:**

4.1. Where authorized, Bylaw Officers for the District of Lake Country believe that, as a result of a breach of this bylaw, **Wildlife** or **Vectors** are located on or near the property and have endangered or harmed a person, or presents an imminent threat to the safety of any person, domesticated animal or property; the officer may take steps to prevent, avert, reduce or mitigate the harm or threat or provide assistance.

5. **SEVERANCE**

5.1. If any portion of this Bylaw is held to be invalid by decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed, without affecting the remainder of this Bylaw.

6. **CITATION**

6.1. This bylaw may be cited as "Wildlife and Vector Attractant Bylaw No. 1280, 2025"

READ A FIRST TIME this 20th day of May, 2025.

READ A SECOND TIME this 20th day of May, 2025.

READ A THIRD TIME this 20th day of May, 2025.

ADOPTED this xx day of month, 2025.

Mayor

Corporate Officer