

LEON COUNTY

DIVISION OF ANIMAL CONTROL



Leon County Ordinance

Sec. 4-46. - *Prohibition on Feeding Feral Animals.*

- (a) *Prohibited.* Feral animals constitute health and environmental risks to domesticated animals, wildlife, and persons. It is a violation of this article for any person to feed or harbor feral animals.
- (b) *[Fine.]* Any person found in violation of this article shall be fined.
- (c) *Exceptions.*
- (1) A person may feed or harbor a feral animal if the animal is spayed or neutered; and
 - (2) A person may feed or harbor a feral animal if they accept legal responsibility for the animal, which includes ensuring compliance with all provisions of this chapter; and
 - (3) A person may feed or harbor a feral animal while on private property and with the expressed written approval of the property owner.
- (d) *[Animal control.]* Animal control has the right to impound a feral animal if:
- (1) The animal creates public health and safety concerns (including rabies, other zoonotic diseases, and certain animal to animal disease); or
 - (2) The animal creates a public nuisance as defined in section 4-36.