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**PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-148(b) OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL
STATUTES REGARDING THE ORDINANCE POWERS GRANTED TO A
MUNICIPALITY;**

A MAJOR PORTION OF THE TOWN LAND CONSISTS OF HEAVILY FORESTED AREAS, HOME TO AN EVER-INCREASING NUMBER OF BLACK BEARS AND OTHER WILDLIFE. THIS ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST OUR RESIDENTS AND GUESTS IN PEACEFULLY COEXISTING WITH THESE WILD ANIMALS. ALSO, THIS ORDINANCE IS INTENDED TO ENHANCE FREEDOM AND SAFETY OF MOVEMENT IN PUBLIC AREAS OF THE TOWN.

IN RECOGNITION THAT THESE ANIMALS ARE WILD AND SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE FOR THE WELFARE AND SAFETY OF BOTH THE ANIMALS AND OUR RESIDENTS AND GUESTS, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED BY THE TOWN OF HARTLAND;

FEEDING OF BEARS

1. NO PERSON SHALL:

- A. FEED, GIVE, PLACE, EXPOSE, DEPOSIT, DISTRIBUTE OR SCATTER ANY EDIBLE MATERIAL OR ATTRACTANT WITH THE INTENTION OF FEEDING, ATTRACTING OR ENTICING A BEAR; OR STORE ANY PET FOOD, GARBAGE OR OTHER BEAR ATTRACTANTS IN A MANNER THAT WILL RESULT IN BEAR FEEDINGS WHEN BEAR ARE KNOWN TO FREQUENT THE AREA.**
- B. SUBSECTION (A) SHALL NOT APPLY IN THE CASE OF UNINTENTIONAL FEEDING OF A BEAR. "UNINTENTIONAL FEEDING" MEANS USING OR PLACING ANY MATERIAL FOR A PURPOSE OTHER THAN TO ATTRACT OR ENTICE BEARS BUT WHICH RESULTS IN THE ATTRACTION OR ENTICEMENT OF A BEAR.**



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2. ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1(A) OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF UP TO \$250.00 FOR EACH OFFENSE. IF THE VIOLATION IS OF A CONTINUING NATURE, EACH DAY DURING WHICH IT CONTINUES SHALL CONSTITUTE AN ADDITIONAL, SEPARATE AND DISTINCT OFFENSE. NO PERSON SHALL BE ASSESSED A CIVIL PENALTY PURSUANT TO SECTION 2 UNLESS THE PERSON HAS FIRST BEEN ISSUED A PRIOR WRITTEN WARNING FOR A VIOLATION OF SECTION 1(A).
3. THE TOWN OF HARTLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO MITIGATE A CLAIM FOR A PENALTY UNDER SECTION 2 IN SUCH AMOUNT WHICH, IN THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, MAY APPEAR APPROPRIATE AND EQUITABLE UNDER ALL OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES.
4. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE ENFORCED BY THE HARTLAND CITATION HEARING OFFICER, HARTLAND ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, THE CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE TROOP "B" AND ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEEP).
5. NOTHING IN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO RESTRICT IN ANY WAY THE ATTRACTION, CAPTURE OR TAKING OF BEARS BY OR AT THE DIRECTION OF DEEP FOR MANAGEMENT OR RESEARCH PURPOSES.
6. THE TOWN MAY INSTITUTE A CIVIL ACTION IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE AGAINST ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES SAID PROVISIONS, INCLUDING AN ACTION TO COLLECT ANY CIVIL PENALTIES IMPOSED HEREUNDER AND AN ACTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF TO PROHIBIT AND PREVENT A VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL APPLY TO ALL PERSONS EXCEPT THOSE WITH A VALID PERMIT ISSUED BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEEP).