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Hello, my name is Dustin Scheenaard and I live at 88 Penfound Dr in Bowmanville. The neighbor on the north side of me has many bird feeders up, in excess of 10 in a single tree along with some squirrel feeders. I my property and vehicles are constantly covered in bird crap and the squirrels are dragging the peanut shells onto my yard 10-15 meters away. His property is covered in birdseed and shells. I have seen anywhere from 50-100 birds in the trees at times. I approached the home owner and ask if he could reduce the number of feeders. He replied "absolutely not, it's my favorite past time".

I contacted Ajax by law and this is what they have in place:

8. NUISANCE FEEDING OF ANIMALS

8.1 No person shall throw or place, or permit to be thrown or placed, any type of food, for the purposes of feeding any birds, wildlife, or animals found to be running at large.

8.2 Section 8.1 of this By-law shall not apply to bird feeders that are suspended off the ground, dispense commercially available bird food such as seeds and nectars.

8.3 No person shall be permitted to have more than 3 bird feeders located on any property.

8.4 Every owner of a bird feeder shall:

- (a) keep the bird feeder clean by regularly disinfecting with a mild bleach solution; and
- (b) maintain the ground underneath the bird feeder by regularly raking the ground thoroughly to remove grain and bird droppings.

I would maybe suggest adding a size limitation as well to the bird feeders.

Since the town dredged out the storm water ponds behind Ross Tilley public school our neighborhood has been battling rats that have pushed up to the neighborhood now. This is just another food source and adding to that problem.

I appreciate your time

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Sent from my iPhone



