

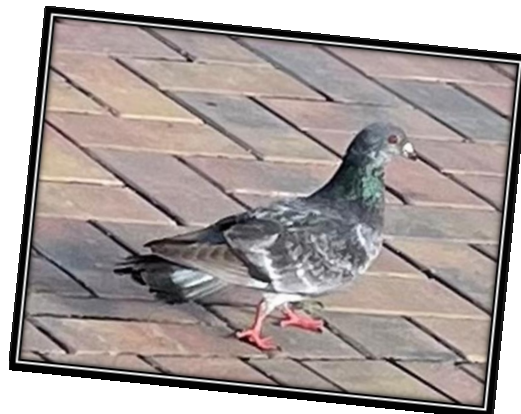


Association of Apartment Owners of Koko Isle

## Please Do Not Feed the Birds

We have a problem slowly brewing in our Koko Isle Community. Birds are becoming a notable nuisance as evidence of the growing problem indicated by multiple reports of bird problems and recent sightings of pigeons on Koko Isle.

We are aware that many residents view birds as “feathered friends” and efforts to control them can be concerning to the general and unaware public and can create community relations issues.



When asked, “Why are the birds here and what are the problems are they causing?”, perhaps will encourage voluntary solutions to the problem before it grows to become a community nuisance and more importantly a community health hazard!



Birds in general, but especially pigeons are serious problems for communities. Birds nest and loaf in protected areas causing many problems. Common places birds’ nest and loaf are balconies, gutters, AC/HVAC units, windowsills, rooftops, patio furniture, and in outdoor closets, with some closets housing washers and dryers in many units.

Birds are driven by the search for food, you will find them in outdoor dining areas, near trash cans, dumpsters, and anywhere residents are feeding them. Nature-loving residents may unwittingly create issues by using bird feeders or feeding birds in their balconies or patios.

Our feathered friends, can create public health and safety issues, leaving waste mess, become an annoyance, and cause costly property damage. These are a few of the concerns we should be aware of:

- **Public health risks** – Many residents do not realize that birds, their droppings, and feathers can carry as many as 60 different pathogens that cause human disease. Among them are *E. coli*, Salmonellosis, histoplasmosis, Cryptococcosis, and Candidiasis. Some of these diseases can cause severe illness and respiratory problems.

- **Safety hazards** – When droppings fall onto walkways, and appliances they can create slip and fall hazards. Nests can create fire hazards when around dryer vents, lighting, or around other electrical equipment.
- **Droppings** – Bird droppings create an unattractive mess that can soil rooftops, streak building facades, soil patio furniture, damage cars, and spoil landscaping. Bird fecal matter is corrosive, which can also create other problems.
- **AC / HVAC system concerns** – One of the biggest expenses many residents on Koko Isle incur is AC/HVAC maintenance. Birds can wreak havoc on AC/HVAC systems. They find these big, warm machines the perfect place for nesting and hanging out. Droppings and feathers can clog air intakes; even worse, intake systems can pull these pathogen-laden items in and circulate them through the air, causing air quality concerns.
- **Neighbor issues** – Bird noise and dropping messes can result in unhappy neighbors, impacting quiet enjoyment and creating unpleasant interactions between neighbors.

**So please, we ask your support to “Not Feed The Birds.”**

Thank you,

The Koko Isle Management Team



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