

ORDINANCE NO: 7**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS, BOWS AND ARROWS, AND OTHER DEVICES**

The Town Board of the Town of Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, pursuant to § 60.22 (3) and 66.0409 Wisconsin Statutes does ordain as follows with regard to its Town Ordinances:

7.1 Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect residents of the Town of Grand Rapids from dangers associated with the discharge of weapons by limiting the discharge of weapons to certain areas of the Town in the interest of the public safety, health, and welfare.

7.2 Definitions

Unless otherwise indicated, the following terms used in this ordinance shall be deemed for the purpose of this ordinance to have the meaning hereinafter set forth:

A. "Weapons" refers to:

- 1) Firearms;
- 2) Air guns, as defined in Wis. Stat. 939.22(2);
- 3) Bows and arrows;
- 4) Crossbow
- 5) Slingshots;
- 6) Spring-loaded devices designed for discharging a projectile;
- 7) Similar devices.

B. "Subdivisions" refers to subdivisions in the Town of Grand Rapids evidenced by plat or survey map recorded in the office of the Wood County Register of Deeds.

C. "Manufactured Home Community" refers to manufactured_home parks in the Town of Grand Rapids approved by Town of Grand Rapids under the provisions of its manufactured_home and/or zoning ordinance(s).

D. "Restricted Areas" refers to areas in the Town of Grand Rapids specifically identified as restricted areas in this Weapons Ordinance. "Restricted Areas" are also depicted in Appendix A attached hereto and incorporated in this ordinance by reference.

E. "Other Lands" refers to areas in the Town of Grand Rapids other than "subdivisions," "manufactured home community" or "restricted areas."

F. "Occupant" refers to lessees, tenants, or any person possessing a legal or equitable interest in said premises.

7.3 Firearm Restrictions

No person, within any subdivision, manufactured home community, or restricted area, may discharge a firearm.

A. This prohibition shall not apply to the following:

- 1) Discharge by law enforcement officers while in the performance of their official duties;
 - 2) A discharge justified under sec. 66.0409 (3) (b) Wis. Stats. or if the discharge is subject to a defense described in sec. 939.45 Wis. Stats.
- B. Restricted areas are as follows and as also depicted in shaded/outlined areas in Appendix A.
- 1) The South One-Half (S $\frac{1}{2}$) of Sections Twenty-three (23) and Twenty-four (24) and the North One-Half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of Sections Twenty-five (25) and Twenty-six (26), all in Township Twenty-two (22) North, Range Six (6) East, County of Wood.
 - 2) All that part of the Town of Grand Rapids lying west of the following described line: Commencing at a point where the boundary of the Village of Biron intersects 32nd Street North; run thence south along the centerline of 32nd Street to its intersection with the centerline of Chestnut Street; run thence west along the centerline of Chestnut Street to its intersection with the city limits of the City of Wisconsin Rapids; run thence south along the Wisconsin Rapids city limits to the centerline of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad right-of-way; run thence westerly along the centerline of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad right-of-way to its intersection with the centerline of 16th Street South; run thence south along the centerline of 16th Street South to its intersection with the north boundary line of the Village of Port Edwards, Wisconsin; run thence west and south along the boundary line of the Village of Port Edwards to its intersection with the centerline of State Highway 13.
 - 3) The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Twenty-two (22) North, Range Six (6) East, County of Wood.
 - 4) The Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Fifteen (15), Township Twenty-two (22) North, Range Six (6) East, County of Wood.
 - 5) The Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$) and West One-Half (W $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Fifteen (15), Township Twenty-two (22) North, Range Six (6) East, County of Wood.
 - 6) The Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$) and the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$) all in Section Twenty-three (23), Township Twenty-two (22) North, Range Six (6) East, County of Wood.
 - 7) The Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$) and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$) all in Section Twenty-two (22), Township Twenty-two (22) North, Range Six (6) East, County of Wood.
 - 8) The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$) and that portion of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$) which lies southerly of the abandoned Chicago & Northwestern Railroad right-of-way and

- which is in the Town of Grand Rapids (approximately 31.18 acres), all in Section Twenty-one (21), Township Twenty-two (22) North, Range Six (6) East, County of Wood.
- 9) Commencing at Deer Road to the transmission power line 115KV, Town of Saratoga, to the Town of Grand Rapids substation, southerly along the transmission power line 115KV to Townline Road, west to 32nd Street, north to P. O. B.
 - 10) The Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$) and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$) all in Section Twenty-three (23), Township Twenty-two (22) North, Range Six (6) East, County of Wood.
 - 11) The Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$) and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$) all in Section Twenty-two (22), Township Twenty-two (22) North, Range Six (6) East, County of Wood.
 - 12) The Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$) and the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$) all in Section Fifteen (15), Township Twenty-two (22) North, Range Six (6) East, County of Wood [Mid-State Technical College].
 - 13) The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$) and that portion of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$) which lies southerly of the abandoned Chicago & Northwestern Railroad right-of-way and which is in the Town of Grand Rapids (approximately 31.18 acres), all in Section Twenty-one (21), Township Twenty-two (22) North, Range Six (6) East, County of Wood [Lovewood Dr.].
 - 14) The East one-half (E $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Northeast Quarter, the North one-half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Southeast Quarter, the East one-half (E $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Southwest Quarter all in Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Twenty-two (22) North, Range Six (6) East, County of Wood.
 - 15) The Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$) and the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$) all in Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Twenty-two (22) North, Range Six (6) East, County of Wood.
 - 16) That portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$) which lies northerly and easterly of parcel numbers 0700235A and 0700235 (approximately 37.58 acres), all in Section Fourteen (14), Township Twenty-two (22) North, Range Six (6) East, County of Wood.

7.4 Discharge of Weapons

- A. No person may discharge any firearm within 100 yards of a building, as that term is defined in sec. 29.038 (3) (b) 1. a. Wis. Stats., located on another person's land unless the person who owns the land on which the building is located permits the discharge within such distance.

- B. No person may hunt with any bow and arrow or crossbow within 100 yards of a building, as that term is defined in sec. 29.038 (3) (b) 1. A Wis. Stats., located on another person’s land unless the person who owns the land on which the building is located permits the hunting within such distance.
- C. Pursuant to sec. 29.038 (3) (b) 3. b. Wis. Stats., when used for hunting an arrow or bolt from a bow and arrow or crossbow must be discharged toward the ground.

7.5 Minors

Sections 29.304, 29.593 and 948.60 Wis. Stats. are hereby adopted.

7.6 Penalties

Any adult person who has violated this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to a forfeiture per Ordinance 39 “Schedule of Fees and Forfeitures” together with the costs of prosecution, and in default of payment of any forfeiture ordered herein, persons convicted hereunder may be committed to the Wood County Jail for a period not to exceed 30 days.

This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and publication as provided by law.

HISTORY

Declaration/Ordinance/Resolution No	Dated
RESOLUTION NO:	10-June-1970
	17-November-1976
	21-November-1979
	22-September-1981
	6-October-1981
	7-February-1984
	10-November-1994
2005-08	13-September-2005
2006-07	23-May-2006
2014-34	14-October-2014
2015-09	10-February-2015
2017-31	10-October-2017

Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected.