

FIREARMS ORDINANCE

Ordinance _____

Town of Morrison
Brown County WI

Adopted _____

A. Purpose:

1. It is hereby declared necessary in the interest of public safety, health, and welfare, and for the protection of persons and property, that the shooting of firearms and bows and arrows be regulated within the Hamlets.

B. Authority:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Morrison has general authority under its village powers under s. 60.22 Wis Stats, to adopt this ordinance.

C. Definitions:

1. Bow and Arrow: A compound bow, traditional bow (recurves, longbow), or crossbow, that is designed or used for purposes of shooting any carbon, wood, or aluminum arrows(s).
2. Firearms: A rifle of any caliber, shotgun or any gauge, hand gun, pistol, revolver, or similarly dangerous missile, but excludes BB guns and pellet guns.
3. Hamlet: Hamlets include Lark, Morrison, and Wayside.
4. Town: Town of Morrison

D. Prohibited use of firearms and bow and arrows.

1. No firearms or bows and arrows shall be fired or shot within the Hamlets. The provisions of this section, however, shall not be deemed to apply to any law enforcement, military, and National Guard personnel who discharge a firearm in the hamlets in the pursuit of their official duties.

E. Shooting near residences.

1. No person shall shoot any firearms in the Hamlets within 300 feet of any residential dwelling on any adjoining property or any other building devoted to human occupancy.

F. Shooting near roads.

1. The shooting of firearms from or across any public road or within 50 feet of the center line of said public road is prohibited.

G. Shooting of firearms as it relates to parks and schools in the Hamlets.

1. No person shall shoot firearms in or within 660 feet of any Hamlet parks improved by structures or buildings or on or within 1,700 feet of any school property within the Hamlets.

H. Shooting of bows and arrows as it relates to the parks and schools in the Hamlets.

1. No person shall shoot a bow and arrow in or within 300 feet of any Hamlet parks improved by structures or buildings, unless as part of an organized Recreation Department activity, or on or within 300 feet of any school property within the Hamlets unless as part of an organized group activity.

I. Public Nuisance regulations incorporated.

1. Any public nuisance arising out of the discharge of any firearm in the Town will be subject of the provisions of the Public Nuisance Ordinance.

J. Penalties:

1. Any person violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not less than \$25 nor more than \$200 for each offense, together with the costs of prosecution. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day or part of each day during which a violation occurs or continues. This paragraph does not preclude the Town from taking any appropriate action to abate, prevent, or remedy a violation of any provision of this section.