

Town of Washington

Ordinance 2013-06

Discharge of Rifled Firearms

Whereas, Section 66.0409(3)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes permits Towns that have been authorized to exercise Village Powers under section 60.22(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes to enact ordinances restricting the discharge of firearms; and,

Whereas, Section 29.038(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes permits local governmental units to enact an ordinance, adopt a regulation, resolution, or other restriction that has an incidental effect on hunting, fishing, or trapping, but only if the primary purpose is to further public safety; and,

Whereas, the Town of Washington is authorized to enact ordinances in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare by sections 60.22(1), 60.22(3), 61.32 and 61.34 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and,

Whereas, the Town of Washington has determined that it is reasonable and necessary to prohibit the use of rifles within the Town in order to protect the public health and safety;

Now, Therefore, the Town Board of the Town of Washington, Door County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

Chapter 205 of Town Ordinances

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1. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a rim fire rifle larger then .22 caliber or any center-fire rifle .22 caliber or larger within the boundaries of the Town during the allotted colander dates of white tail deer season as identified by the Wisconsin DNR regulations on an annual basis.
 2. Any person who violates this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a forfeiture of an amount established by the Door County Sheriffs Department and / or State of Wisconsin Statutes.
 3. Unless otherwise indicated, the prohibitions of this section shall not apply to:
 - a. Any peace officer(s) in the lawful performance of their duties
 - b. Any member of the US Armed Forces or the National Guard in the lawful performance of their duties.

4. This Ordinance shall be effective on the day after it's enactment and publication of this ordinance or an appropriate notice thereof as provided by law.

Adopted this 23rd day of October by the Town Board of Supervisors, Town of Washington, Door County, Wisconsin, 2013

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