

VILLAGE OF STRATFORD, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 396-3 ENTITLED HUNTING

The Village Board of the Village of Stratford, Marathon County Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Section 1: Section 396-3 entitled "Hunting" of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Stratford is hereby amended with new text underlined and deleted text ~~stricken~~ to provide as follows:

A. Definitions. For the purpose of this section, the following definitions apply:

HUNT or HUNTING

Includes shooting, shooting at, pursuing, taking, capturing or killing or attempting to capture or kill any wild animal.

HUNTING ZONES

Hunting zones are defined as follows: ~~Center fire rifles or rim fire rifles cannot be used to hunt within any zone within the Village of Stratford.~~

- ~~(1) Less restrictive zones include those areas within the Village where hunting as defined in this subsection is allowed and is limited to shotguns of all types, bows, and crossbows (as permitted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources) along with black powder (or substitute) firing rifles.~~
- ~~(2) Archery zones include and are limited to areas for hunting with bows and crossbows only (as permitted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources).~~
- ~~(3) Archery zones special permit. In the event that the Village Board deems it necessary or desirable to reduce the deer population on certain lands within the Village, it may, from time to time, by Village Board resolution allow deer hunting by special permit and by archery equipment only within and upon such conditions as shall be set forth in the Village Board resolution.~~
- (1) Archery zones include and are limited to areas for hunting with bows and crossbows only (as permitted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources). Hunting needs to be 100 yards from any building located on another person's land unless the hunter has permission from the property owner. Discharging an arrow or bolt from the respective weapon must be at a downward trajectory.
- (2) Limited Firearm Zone allows for hunting with bows, crossbows, shotguns, muzzleloaders, rimfire firearms (limited to 22LR only) and centerfire firearms (limited to straight-wall casings and be of .35 caliber or larger, with a maximum case length of 1.80"). Hunting needs to be 200 yards from any area consisting of multiple buildings used for human occupancy located on another person's land, sidewalk or trail for public use, commercial/industrial building or school property.
- (3) Rifle Zone. Hunting needs to be 400 yards from any area consisting of multiple buildings used for human occupancy located on another person's land, sidewalk or trail for public use, commercial/industrial building or school property.
- (4) Special permit zones will be opened if the Village Board deems it necessary or desirable to reduce the deer population on certain lands within the Village, it may from time to time allow deer hunting by special permit and only with bows and crossbows within the specified land(s) designated as "Archery Zone Special Permit" for a limited period.

B. Permitted activity zones.

- (1) Map. All zones shall be as depicted on the Official Village of Stratford Designated Hunting Zones ~~created September 2010~~ amended July 2025 or thereafter. Hunting methods must conform to the restrictions upon that map.
- (2) Conformity. All hunting shall be in conformity with Chapter 29, Wild Animals and Plants, of the Wisconsin Statutes and regulations as established by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in CH. NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Agency. In

addition, all hunting shall be in conformity with the uses permitted according to this chapter and Chapter 590, Zoning, of this Code.

- (3) Special permits. Applications for ~~archery zones~~ special permit zones shall be made to the Chief of Police of the Village of Stratford or his designee on an official form available at the Stratford Police Department. Following the review of the application by the Chief shall either grant or deny the permit. Fees will be set by the Village Board fee schedule.
- (4) Hunting with a Firearm shall not be permitted on any property that is less than one acre.
- (5) Hunting on Village owned property is limited to Residents of the Village of Stratford, Property Owners in the Village of Stratford, and Village Employees.

C. Enforcement and penalties.

- (1) Enforcement. Enforcement of the provisions of this section shall be within the jurisdiction of the Stratford Police Department.
- (2) Penalties. Any person violating this section shall, upon conviction, forfeit not less than \$30 and not more than \$500.

Section 2: If any provision of this Ordinance is invalid or unconstitutional or if the application of Ordinance to any person or circumstance is found invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the provisions or application of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application.

Section 3: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted this 8th day of July, 2025.

VILLAGE BOARD, VILLAGE OF STRATFORD.

BY:


Keith Grell, Village President

ATTEST:



Jamie Heindl, Village Clerk

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