

ORDINANCE V25-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DIVISION 16-II-2; DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS SECTIONS 16-61(a)(2) & (3) FOR THE VILLAGE OF HARRISON, WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, the Village has a discharge of firearms ordinance which includes a map prohibiting the fire or discharge of firearms within the boundaries stated on the map; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to amend the map from time to time to reflect the growth of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to amend the ordinance to allow the Village Board to amend the map from time to time.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, the Village Board of the Village of Harrison, Calumet County, Wisconsin, does hereby adopt the following:

DIVISION 16-II-2 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

16-60 Definitions

16-61 Prohibition

16-62 Exclusions

16-63 Waiver

16-64 Implementation And Enforcement

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16-60 Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this paragraph, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Ammunition means any single slug, single ball, scatter shot, fine shot, pellet, or BB.

Dwelling means any house, apartment, business building, cottage, or mobile home.

Firearm means any a weapon that acts by force of gunpowder to fire a projectile.

(Ord. No. 5, § 1, 6-8-1976; Ord. No. 91, § 1, 6-29-2003)

HISTORY

Amended by Ord. V21-03 on 1/26/2021

16-61 Prohibition

1. Firearms.

1. No person shall fire or discharge any firearm with ammunition within 100 yards of any occupied, permanent or seasonal dwelling, within the village.
2. There shall be no fire or discharge of any firearm with ammunition within the boundaries depicted on a map approved by the Village Board. The Village Board may approve periodic revisions to boundaries and the depicting map by simple majority vote.
3. The map of the village with said boundaries shaded is incorporated by reference and hereby made a part of this section. A copy of the most recently approved depicting map shall be kept on file in the village clerk's office, where it shall be available for public viewing during normal business hours.

2. *Bow and arrow or crossbow.*

1. It shall be unlawful for a person to discharge a bow and arrow or crossbow within 100 yards from a building located on another person's land. This restriction shall not apply if the person who owns the land on which the building is located allows the hunter to hunt with a bow and arrow or crossbow within the specified distance of the building.
2. A person who discharges a bow and arrow or crossbow shall discharge the arrow or bolt toward the ground.
3. No person shall discharge an arrow or bolt from any weapon where the arrow or bolt may endanger the life, limb or property of another or will traverse any part of any street, alley, or public grounds.

(Ord. No. 5, § 2, 6-8-1976; Ord. No. 91, § 2, 6-29-2003)

HISTORY

Amended by Ord. V20-01 on 2/11/2020

Amended by Ord. V21-03 on 1/26/2021

Amended by Ord V23-02 on 3/28/2023

16-62 Exclusions

This section shall not apply to the use of such guns or firearms by officers duly designated and authorized by village, county, state or federal authorities.

(Ord. No. 5, § 3, 6-8-1976; Ord. No. 91, § 3, 6-29-2003)

HISTORY

Amended by Ord. V21-03 on 1/26/2021

16-63 Waiver

Effective July 29, 2025, the village clerk shall no longer issue waivers permitting the discharge of firearms in the prohibited areas due to concerns regarding public safety and increasing population density.---

All firearm discharge waivers previously issued for calendar year 2025 shall remain subject to the following conditions:

1. The landowner the waiver is issued to is the only one who can give nonfamily members permission to hunt on the land.
2. The waiver is issued on an annual basis.
3. The waiver can be revoked for a violation of Wis. Stats. § 167.31 or Wis. Stats. ch. 941 relating to the use of firearms.

(Ord. No. 5, § 4, 6-8-1976; Ord. No. 91, § 4, 6-29-2003)

HISTORY

Amended by Ord. V21-03 on 1/26/2021

16-64 Implementation And Enforcement

This section shall be implemented and enforced in the following manner, to wit:

1. The village clerk is hereby authorized to prepare and procure citizen complaint forms, which shall be distributed to the county sheriff's department. Additional citizen complaint forms shall be kept in the office of the village clerk.
2. A citizen complaint form shall be furnished to any complainant upon request made to either the county sheriff or his designee, or the village clerk.

3. The complainant shall furnish, in writing on the complaint form, all information requested by such complaint form. Each citizen complaint form shall be legibly signed by the complainant and dated.
4. Each citizen complaint shall be forwarded by mail, or presented in person, to the village clerk who shall, upon receipt thereof, present the complaint form to the village board for their consideration. The village board, following review of a citizen complaint form, may forward such citizen complaint form to the village attorney for prosecution.

(Ord. No. 5, § 5, 6-8-1976; Ord. No. 91, § 5, 6-29-2003)

HISTORY

Amended by Ord. V21-03 on 1/26/2021

16-65 Penalty

Any person violating any provision of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished according to the general penalties described in section 1-7.

(Ord. No. 5, § 6, 6-8-1976; Ord. No. 91, § 6, 6-29-2003)

HISTORY

Amended by Ord. V21-03 on 1/26/2021

EFFECT. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Harrison, Calumet County, Wisconsin this 29th day of July, 2025.

Scott Handschke, Village President

Attest: Meghan Winkler, Village Clerk