

Summary of Neighboring Municipalities

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Definition of a Nuisance:

Village of Kronenwetter

Chapter 382 – NUISANCES

§ 382-1. - Definitions.

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

Public nuisance. A thing, act, occupation, condition or use of property which shall continue for such length of time as to:

- A. **Substantially annoy**, injure or endanger the comfort, health, repose or safety of the public.
- B. In any way render the public insecure in life or in the use of property.
- C. Unlawfully and substantially interfere with, obstruct or tend to obstruct or render dangerous for passage any street, alley, highway, navigable body of water or other public way or the use of public property.

Village of Weston

Nuisance.

- 1. Any public nuisance, as defined by statute or this Chapter.
- 2. Physical conditions dangerous to human life or detrimental to health of persons on or near the premises where the conditions exist.

Sec 50.100 Things Prohibited

The following acts, omissions, places, conditions and things are declared to be public nuisances affecting peace and safety; but such enumeration shall not be construed to exclude other nuisances affecting public peace or safety coming within other provisions of this Code:

- 1. All signs and billboards, awnings and other similar structures over or near streets, sidewalks, public grounds or places frequented by the public so situated or constructed as to endanger the public's safety.
- 2. All buildings erected, repaired or altered within the fire limits in violation of the provisions of ordinances relating to materials and manner of construction of buildings and structures within that district.

3. All unauthorized signs, signals, markings or devices placed or maintained upon or in view of any public highway or railway crossing which purport to be or may be mistaken as an official traffic control device, railroad sign or signal or which because of its color, location, brilliance or manner of operation interferes with the effectiveness of any such device, signal or sign.
4. All trees, hedges, billboards or other obstructions which prevent persons driving vehicles on public streets, alleys or highways from obtaining a clear view of traffic when approaching an intersection or pedestrian crosswalk.
5. All limbs of trees which project over and less than 14 feet above the surface of a public sidewalk or street or less than ten feet above any other public place.
6. All buildings or structures so old, dilapidated or out of repair as to be dangerous and unsafe, unsanitary or otherwise unfit for human use.
7. All abandoned and wrecked or dilapidated motor vehicles, buses, railroad cars and house trailers.
8. All wires over streets, alleys or public grounds which are strung less than 13 feet above the surface.
9. All loud, discordant and unnecessary noises or vibrations of any kind which tend to cause or create a disturbance.
10. All obstructions of and excavations in or under streets, alleys, sidewalks or crosswalks, except as permitted by ordinance or which, although being in accordance with ordinance, are kept or maintained for an unreasonable or illegal length of time after their purpose has been accomplished.
11. All open and unguarded pits, wells, excavations or unused basements freely accessible from any public street, alley or sidewalk.
12. All piles of dirt, wood rubble, rocks or yard waste located upon any property within the Village of Weston with the following exceptions:
 - a. Dirt, wood or lumber which is being actively used in connection with an ongoing construction project.
 - b. The storage of topsoil, fill material or lumber on the premises of a lumberyard, contract or storage yard or similar type establishment providing such business is a permitted use under the village zoning code.
 - c. The temporary storage of dirt, wood or lumber for a period not exceeding 90 days following the completion of a private subdivision development or construction project. In the event such material is not completely removed from the premises within 90 days by the owner of the property or the contractor responsible for the construction, the village shall cause the material to be removed with all costs associated with said removal to be assessed against the owner's property as a special charge pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 66.0701.

Sec 50.101 Other Prohibited Nuisances

In addition to the acts, omissions, places, conditions and things declared to be public nuisances affecting peace and safety in Sec. 50.100, the following are declared to be a public nuisance:

1. All abandoned refrigerators, iceboxes and other containers having airtight doors or covers from which the doors or other covers have not been removed or which are not equipped with a device for opening from the inside.
2. Any unauthorized or unlawful use of property abutting on a public street, alley or sidewalk or of a public street, alley or sidewalk which causes large crowds of people to gather obstructing traffic and free use of the streets or sidewalks.
3. Repeated or continuous violations of the ordinances of the village or the laws of the state relating to the storage of flammable liquids.

Village of Rothschild

§ 407-1 Nuisance defined.

A nuisance is an unreasonable activity or use of property that **interferes substantially** with the comfortable enjoyment of life, health, or safety of others. Under this Chapter, nuisances include any condition endangering human life or health and any source of filth or sickness or any act prohibited by this Chapter.

Village of Rib Mountain

10.01 - PUBLIC NUISANCE DEFINED.

A public nuisance is a thing, act, occupation, condition or use of property which shall continue for such length of time as to:

- (1) **Substantially annoy**, injure or endanger the comfort, health, repose or safety of the public.
- (2) In any way render the public insecure in life or in the use of property.
- (3) Greatly offend the public morals or decency.
- (4) Unlawfully and substantially interfere with, obstruct or tend to obstruct, or render dangerous for passage any street, alley, highway, navigable body of water or other public way.

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ARTICLE VI. - PUBLIC NUISANCES[4]

Sec. 54-191. - Definitions.

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

Public nuisance means a thing, act, occupation, condition or use of property which shall continue for such length of time as to:

- (1) **Substantially annoy**, injure or endanger the comfort, health, repose or safety of the public;
- (2) In any way render the public insecure in life or in the use of property;
- (3) Greatly offend the public morals or decency; and
- (4) Unlawfully and substantially interfere with, obstruct or tend to obstruct or render dangerous for passage any street, alley, highway, navigable body of water or other public way or the use of public property.

Enforcement:

Village of Kronenwetter - Whenever complaint is made to the village that a public nuisance or a violation of section 382-7 exists, the village police department shall forthwith inspect or cause to be inspected the premises complained of and shall make a written report of the inspecting officer's findings. Whenever practicable, the inspecting officer shall cause photographs to be made of the premises and shall file the same in the office of the clerk.

If the nuisance is not abated within the time provided or if the owner, occupant or person causing the nuisance cannot be found, the health officer or village police department, in the case of health nuisances, and the village police department in all other cases, shall cause the abatement or removal of such public nuisance.

Village of Weston - It shall be the duty of each department head to enforce those provisions of this chapter that come within the jurisdiction of their respective offices, and each department head shall make or cause to be made periodic inspections and inspections upon complaint to ensure such provisions are not violated.

Village of Rothschild - The Village may order the abatement or removal of a nuisance on private premises, and if the owner or occupant fails to comply, the Village or its agent may seek a special inspection warrant pursuant to § 66.0119, Wis. Stats., to enter upon the premises and abate or remove such nuisance.

Whenever a Village department head and the Rothschild Police Department Chief find a premises that constitutes a chronic nuisance premises under § 407-10B(1), the department head, with the approval of the Rothschild Police Department Chief, shall provide written notice of his determination to the owner of the premises as identified by the records of the Village Assessor and Marathon County Land Records.

Village of Rib Mountain - Whenever a complaint is made to the Town Chairman that a public nuisance exists within the Town, he shall promptly notify the Building Inspector or Code Enforcement Officer, who shall immediately inspect, or cause to be inspected, the premises complained of and shall make a written report of his findings to the Town Chairman.

Mosinee - Enforcement. The chief of police, the chief of the fire department, the public works director, the building inspector and health officer shall enforce those provisions of this article that come within the jurisdiction of their offices, and they shall make periodic inspections and inspections upon complaint to ensure that such provisions are not violated.

Types of Nuisances Covered:

<u>Public Nuisance</u>	<u>Kronenwetter</u>	<u>Rothschild</u>	<u>Rib Mountain</u>	<u>Weston</u>	<u>Mosinee</u>
Affecting Health	X		X		X
Offending morals and decency	X		X		X
Affecting peace and safety	X		X		X
Junked Vehicles and other Junk	X		X		X
Noxious Weeds (*list)	X	*X	X		
OTHER (Animals, Rat Control, Lawn Maintenance, Chronic Nuisances)		X			X