

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2081 AMENDING
CHAPTER 26 OFFENSES INVOLVING PUBLIC SAFETY
ARTICLE II, SEC. 26-38**

WHEREAS, the Mauston Common Council recently amended Sec. 26-62 to allow controlled hunting within the designated conservation area located west, and northwest, of the conservation boundary line established by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council recognizes that hunters commonly use temporary hunting blinds as part of lawful hunting activity within this designated conservation area; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds it in the best interest of the City of Mauston to clarify that temporary hunting blinds used solely for lawful hunting activity within this conservation area shall not be treated as “camping” or “camping materials” under Sec. 26-38;

NOW THEREFORE, on a motion duly made and seconded, the Mauston Common Council hereby amends Chapter 26, Article II, Section 26-38 of the Code of Ordinances as follows:

Sec. 26-38. Camping on Public Property.

(b) Definitions.

Camping material includes but is not limited to tents, tarps, umbrellas, canopies, metal sheeting, pallets, hammocks, hunting blinds, boxes, huts, temporary shelters, vehicles, or trailers.

Hunting blinds used solely for lawful hunting activity within the designated conservation area located west, and northwest, of the conservation boundary line, as shown on the Official Hunting Boundary Map kept on file with the City Clerk, shall not be considered camping materials for purposes of this section.

(c) Unauthorized camping on public property.

It is unlawful for any person to camp on city park property, public parking property, private business parking lots, unless zoned for such use, or in areas of city-owned property prohibited by the common council, except as expressly authorized by declaration of the mayor or common council in emergency or other special circumstances.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit the placement or temporary use of a hunting blind within the designated conservation area located west, and northwest, of the conservation boundary line, provided the blind is used solely for lawful hunting activity and removed following the hunting season.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Darryl D.D. Teske, Mayor

Daron Haugh, Administrator

- Date of Plan Commission Recommendation (if applicable): _____
- Date of Public Hearing (if applicable): _____
- Date of Readings: _____
- Date of Adoption: _____
- Votes: _____
 - Ayes___ Nays___ Absent___Abstention _____
- Date of Publication: _____