

DUNN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE NO. _____

Regulating Hours and Use of County Parks

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Dunn does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. In this ordinance, the following definitions apply:

- (a) Camp or Camping: the use of a shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, bedroll or sleeping bag for temporary residence or sleeping purposes.
- (b) Park: The terms "park", "County Park", "Dunn County Park", are defined to mean all lands and water heretofore and hereafter acquired by the County for lake access, park, or recreational purposes, under the jurisdiction of the Facilities Committee; and includes, without limitation, parks, beaches, and privately owned lands, the use of which has been granted to the County for park, recreational, or like public purposes. Shooting ranges are excluded from the definition of "park."
- (c) Person: The term "person" shall include any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, and association of persons, and the singular number shall include the plural.

Section 2. PARK HOURS.

- (a) No person may enter or be within the boundaries of any county park or landing except the Rec Park during hours of darkness.
- (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to any person who enters for the sole purpose of fishing.
- (c) The Facilities Department or the County Sheriff or their designee shall have full authority to close any park or part of any park at any time in cases of emergency or where circumstances require it in order to protect the public or park facilities.

Section 3. CAMPING RESTRICTED. Except as provided herein, overnight camping is prohibited in all parks and boat landings, except the Dunn County Rec Park. The Facilities Director is authorized to issue overnight camping permits to youth groups for educational purposes for all parks except for the Dunn County Rec Park. No person shall camp without a permit.

Section 4. FIRES. No person shall start, tend, or maintain any fire or burn any rubbish on County park lands or boat landings, nor shall any person throw away any cigarettes, cigars or pipe ashes without first extinguishing them, unless permitted by the Facilities Director.

Section 5. PARKING. Overnight parking is prohibited in all parks and boat landings, except the Dunn County Rec Park. Any vehicle in violation of this section may be towed from the park and stored at the owner's expense. This section does not apply to vehicles and persons in boat landings or parks with access to navigable waters that are present for the sole purpose of fishing.

Section 6. PENALTIES. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit to Dunn County not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$200.00 together with costs of prosecution and restitution for damage of property of any property. The judgment so obtained may be enforced in the same manner as any civil judgment. Each day a violation exists or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 7. ENFORCEMENT.

- (a) The Corporation Counsel is authorized to prosecute violations of this ordinance as provided by law.
- (b) Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0113, this ordinance may be enforced through the issuance of a citation. Enforcement is delegated to any law enforcement officer with authority within Dunn County, and to the Facilities Director or his or her designee.

Section 8. DONATED LAND. Use of County Parks located on land donated to Dunn County consistent with a donor's retained rights of usage shall not constitute a violation of these regulations.

Section 9. All previously enacted resolutions and ordinances and parts thereof that are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby rescinded or repealed.

Offered this 20th day of September, 2023, at Menomonie, Wisconsin.

Enacted on: _____

OFFERED BY THE FACILITIES
COMMITTEE:

Published on:

Mike Rogers, Chair

ATTEST:

COUNTERSIGNED:

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