

Section 9.08.010 Discharging and carrying firearms and guns prohibited. (a) No person, except a sheriff, constable, police officer, or their deputies, shall fire or discharge any firearm, rifle, bow, arrow, spear, spring or air gun of any description within the city. Except as provided in subsection (b), this section shall be deemed to prohibit hunting within the city.

(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to any of the following:

(1) The maintenance and use of duly supervised rifle or pistol ranges, shooting galleries or archery ranges authorized by the common council.

(2) The firing or discharging of BB guns upon private premises by persons over sixteen or under the direct personal supervision of a parent or guardian.

(3) Persons participating in educational programs sponsored and supervised through the Wausau School District or any other private or parochial school, or a university, college, or technical college.

(4) To persons hunting with a bow and arrow or crossbow who meet the following conditions:

(A) A person hunting with a bow and arrow or crossbow shall not hunt within a distance of two hundred (200) feet from any building located on another person's land which is a permanent structure used for human occupancy and includes a manufactured home as defined in section 101.91(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes. 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 cross bow within the specified distance of the building.

(B) A person hunting with a bow and arrow or crossbow shall discharge the arrow or bolt immediately toward the ground.

(C) No person shall discharge an arrow or bolt on or across any portion of city owned or leased park land. Hunting by bow and arrow on any city owned or leased property other than city owned or leased park land requires advanced written approval of and registration with the Police Department. No person shall discharge an arrow or bolt on or across any city owned or leased non-park land without such prior written approval and registration.

(D) The person shall not discharge an arrow or bolt in such a manner that endangers the life, limb, or property of another or will traverse any part of any right-of-way, street, alley, public grounds or parks.

(E) The person possesses a current, valid permit or license issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and complies with all applicable state laws, rules and regulations pertaining to bow hunting.

(F) Hunting does not include target practice.

(c) Unless other facts and circumstances that indicate a criminal or malicious intent on the part of the person apply, a person is not in violation of, and may not be charged with a violation of, this section for loading, carrying, or going armed with a firearm, without regard to whether the firearm is loaded or is concealed or openly carried.

(d) This section does not apply and may not be enforced if the actor's conduct is justified or, had it been subject to a criminal penalty, would have been subject to a defense described in Wis. Stats. §939.45.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.