

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE
ORDINANCE NO. 5, SERIES 2024

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC 30-21 THE REGULATION ON THE
DISCHARGING OF FIREARMS, ELECTRIC WEAPONS AND OTHER DEVICES IN
THE VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE MUNICIPAL CODE.**

WHEREAS, the Village of Little Chute Board has recommended the following ordinance amendments;

WHEREAS, the required public hearing has been held before the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Little Chute; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Little Chute, finds the following ordinance amendments to be in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village of Board Trustees, Village of Little Chute, do ordain the following,:

Sec. 30-21. Regulation on the discharging of firearms, electric weapons and other devices.

(a) *Definitions:*

- (1) *Electric weapon.* Any device which is designed, redesigned, used or intended to be used, offensively or defensively, to immobilize or incapacitate persons by the use of electric current. (Wis. Stats. § 941.295(1c)(a))
- (2) *Firearm.* A weapon that acts by force of gunpowder.
- (3) *Law enforcement officer.* Any person employed by the State of Wisconsin or any political subdivision of the state, for the purpose of detecting and preventing crime and enforcing laws or ordinances and who is authorized to make arrests for violation of the laws or ordinances he or she is employed to enforce.
- (4) *Building.* For purposes of this section, a building is defined as a permanent structure used for human occupancy and includes a manufactured home, as defined in Wis. Stats. § 101.91(2).

(b) *Regulated acts:*

- (1) *Discharge of firearms regulated.* No person, except a police officer or other law enforcement officer in the performance of an official duty, shall fire or discharge any firearm within the Village of Little Chute.
- (2) *Discharge of electric weapons regulated.* No person, except a police officer or other law enforcement officer in the performance of an official duty, shall fire or discharge any electric weapon within the Village of Little Chute.
- (3) *Discharge of spring gun, air gun, pneumatic pellet gun or paintball gun prohibited.* No person shall fire or discharge any spring gun, air gun, paintball gun, or pneumatic pellet gun of any description within the Village of Little Chute.

- (4) *Shooting into village limits.* No person shall in the territory adjacent to the village discharge any firearm in such manner that the discharge shall enter or fall within the Village of Little Chute.
- (5) *Explosive devices.* No person shall discharge or detonate any dynamite, nitroglycerin or other explosive within the village without first obtaining a permit to do so from the village board.
- (6) Hunting is prohibited within the corporate limits of the Village of Little Chute except as provided in subsection (c)(3) and (c)(4).

(c) *Exceptions:*

- (1) *Shooting ranges.* This section shall not prevent the maintenance and use of duly supervised rifle or pistol ranges or shooting galleries approved by the village board, upon the recommendation of the chief of police, where proper safety precautions are taken.
- (2) *Honor guards.* Subsection (b)(1) shall not apply to any Armed Forces Honor Guards taking part in a village board approved ceremony, provided they are using blanks.
- (3) Hunting within the village.
 - a. Permits.
 - 1. The chief of police or designee is authorized to issue hunting permits. under this section. The permit application and permit will be on a form as approved by the chief of police. All permit applicants are subject to a background investigation to be conducted by the police department. The chief of police may deny a permit application based on the results of the background investigation or any other information that would lead the chief to believe that issuance of a permit under this section may:

a. Violate local, state, or federal laws.

- i. Affect the safety of the village and / or its residents.
- ii. Cause a public nuisance.
- iii. Bring harm upon the village, its employees or agents or subject any of the aforementioned to potential liability

- 2. Only the residents of the village shall be eligible to receive a permit to hunt within village parks or upon village property. The application fee for a permit under this section is as follows:
 - a. Residents and businesses within the village: \$40.00.
 - b. Non-resident / business fee: \$75.00.
 - c. These fees are non-refundable.

3. Permits under this subsection shall only apply to the hunting of deer, ~~or~~ geese. or nuisance animals as designated by the chief of police.
4. ~~Permits shall only be issued for hunting deer with a bow and arrow or crossbow, and/or hunting geese with shotgun using steel shot authorized under state and federal migratory bird hunting regulations. Deer shall only be hunted with bow and arrow or crossbow. Waterfowl and other birds shall only be hunted with a shotgun using shot authorized by the WI. DNR. If another type of animal is authorized under a permit, the chief of police shall designate the appropriate weapon(s) or traps to be used.~~
5. Hunting shall only be by the person(s) listed on the permit. Hunting shall only be conducted on the land parcel or area that is listed on the permit. If the permit holder is not the owner of the land that is listed on the permit, they must obtain permission from the legal landowner and include written proof of said permission when applying for the permit.
6. Permits are not transferable.
7. No permits shall be issued to any person under the age of 18. or anyone that would be prohibited by law to hunt or possess a firearm, bow, or crossbow.
8. Permits shall be issued for the time period established by the chief of police. ~~and/or parks director at their discretion. The chief of police shall consult with the parks director regarding applicable time periods for hunting within village parks.~~
9. Permit holders are subject to all the ordinances of the Village of Little Chute, the laws of the State of Wisconsin and any applicable federal laws. The police department may immediately revoke a permit if a hunter violates any part of this section. Upon revocation of the permit, the permittee may appeal the decision to the village board. Any fees associated with this section are non-refundable.

b. Requirements.

1. When hunting, persons shall at all times carry valid photo identification, a copy of the village permit and ~~the state archery license. any applicable state or federal hunting licenses.~~
2. No arrow or other object used to hunt deer pursuant to the village permit may be discharged or projected as such an angle or distance as to land on public or private property not described in the permit.
3. No arrow or other object may be discharged from or projected onto or over any bicycle trail, or hiking trail within the designated hunting area.
4. The person shall follow all state statute and DNR regulations pertaining to ~~bow~~ hunting.
5. The person shall comply with miscellaneous rules for the hunt as required

by the chief of police, parks director or their designee. Such rules will be listed on the permit, provided in writing to the hunter at the time that they are issued a permit.

6. No shotgun shall be discharged from or projected at such an angle or distance as to either
 - (i) land on public or private property not described on the permit, or (ii) onto or over any public bicycle trail, or hiking trail, within the designated area.

(4) Hunting, shooting or discharging a bow and arrow, crossbow or shotgun.

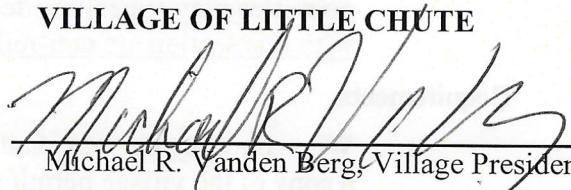
- a. Except as provided in subsection (3), it shall be unlawful for a person to hunt with a bow and arrow, crossbow, or shotgun within a distance of 100 yards from a building located on another person's land. This restriction shall not apply if the person who owns the land on which the building is located allows the hunter to hunt with a bow and arrow or crossbow or shotgun within the specified distance of the building.
- b. A person who hunts with a bow and arrow or crossbow shall discharge the arrow or bolt from the weapon from an elevated position toward the ground.
- c. No person shall discharge an firearm, arrow with any bow or similar device where the arrow or shotgun pellets may endanger the life, limb or property of another or will traverse any part of any street, alley, public grounds or parks.
- d. The park and recreation department and school districts may conduct supervised archery activities in areas under their jurisdiction when authorized by the police chief.

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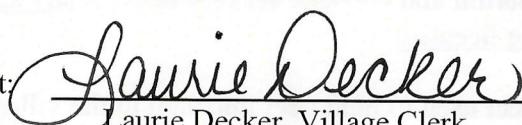
Approved, and adopted: June 19, 2024

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

By:


Michael R. Vanden Berg, Village President

Attest:


Laurie Decker, Village Clerk