

**DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION – January 2024**

**STATE OF WISCONSIN DANE COUNTY Town of Dunn**

**ORDINANCE NO: 17-4**

**An Ordinance to Amend Section 17 of the Municipal Code  
To Prohibit Discharging Firearms in Proximity to Residential Areas without Permission of  
Property Owner**

The Town Board of the Town of Dunn, Dane County, Wisconsin do ordain Section 17-4 of the Municipal Code is hereby created to read as follows:

**OFFENSES ENDANGERING PUBLIC SAFETY**

Section One. UNSAFE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS: PROHIBITIONS

To the extent not otherwise specifically permitted by Wisconsin Statutes:

(1) No person shall discharge a firearm within 400 feet of any dwelling without the express permission of the owner or occupant of the building. "Dwelling" as used in this paragraph does not include any tent, bus, truck, vehicle or similar portable unit.

(2) No person shall, while on the lands of another, discharge a firearm within 300 feet of any structure devoted to human occupancy situated on and attached to lands of another without the express permission of the owner or occupant of the structure. "Structure", as used in this paragraph, does not include any tent, bus, truck, vehicle or similar portable unit.

(3) No person shall discharge a firearm on any Town Park property, the Town Hall property, Town owned greenspaces or drainage ways, Town of Dunn Storm Shelter Property, Town road right-of-way, or Transfer Site property.

(4) The prohibition in this section shall not apply to the discharging of a firearm:

(a) while on property acquired in whole or in part with a grant from the Knowles-Stewardship;

(b) by any police officer, member of the US Armed Forces, or member of the National Guard in the performance of their duties;

(c) by any property occupant provided that the discharge is for the purpose of protection of life as provided in 939.48 Wis. Stat. for the purpose of protection of property as provided in 939.49 Wis. Stat.

Section Two. Severability: In the event that any provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portions of this Ordinance shall be deemed separate, distinct, and independent

provisions of the Ordinance and all remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section Three. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby to such extent repealed.

Section Four. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force after its passage and posting pursuant to law.

Section Five. Penalties  
Any violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to a penalty of \$200.00 per violation. Each discharge in violation shall constitute a separate offense.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Board of the Town of Dunn, Dane County, Wisconsin, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Steve Greb, Town Chair

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Cathy Hasslinger, Town ClerkTreas. Business Manager

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