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ORDINANCE #26

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The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Rice Lake hereby ordains:

**SECTION 1: BOW HUNTING SEASON**

Persons may hunt by means of bow and arrow in the Town of Rice Lake during regular Minnesota state bow and arrow hunting season if they hold a valid Minnesota bow and arrow hunting license and comply with this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS**

- A. **“Bow and Arrow”** means a bow and arrow drawn, held or released by a mechanical device or manually.
- B. **“Hunt” or “hunting”** means the taking, pursuing, stalking, chasing, driving or tracking of animals while in possession of a bow and arrow.

**SECTION 3: PERMISSION**

- A. It is required that the signature of the owner or owners of each parcel of land upon which the applicant desires to hunt or discharge a bow and arrow be obtained, granting approval and consent for hunting and discharging a bow and arrow thereon, provided, however, that the consent and approval of the owner of tax forfeited property shall not be required. This permission is required to be carried on the applicant’s person when hunting and shall include:
  - 1. The full name, date of birth and address of the applicant.
  - 2. The name, address and phone number of the property owner.
  - 3. A description of the property on which the hunting is to be allowed.
  - 4. Any restrictions on the use of the property for hunting.
- B. Proof of a valid license to hunt with a bow and arrow as provided by the State of Minnesota is required. In addition to complying with this ordinance, all the rules and regulations relating to hunting with bows and arrows as established by the State must also be followed.

**SECTION 4: RESTRICTIONS**

- A. No permanent or portable tree or ground stand may be located within 50 feet of the border of the land for which the hunter has obtained permission to hunt without permission of the adjacent landowner.
- B. No bow and arrow shall be discharged except from a stand with a minimum height of ten feet.
- C. No bow and arrow shall be discharged within 250 feet of any dwelling or other building occupied by or for human habitation or the storing of animals without that property owner’s consent.
- D. No bow and arrow shall be discharged within 500 feet of any property owned by Independent School District No. 709.
- E. No bow and arrow shall be discharged on any land owned by the Town of Rice Lake.
- F. No bow and arrow shall be discharged within 250 feet of a publicly maintained Town trail or improved public roadway.
- G. No hunter shall attempt to shoot an animal that is beyond the effective range of the bow being discharged by that particular hunter.
- H. Each hunter must repair or pay for any damage to the property of another that arises from his/her hunting activities.
- I. No carcass or entrails shall be allowed to remain in open view to the public; if the landowner requests, the carcass or entrails shall be removed and properly disposed of by the hunter.
- J. Any hunter that is successful in taking an animal with bow and arrow within the town must register his/her harvested animal with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources through the big game registration process as prescribed by Minnesota State Law.
- K. The Town of Rice Lake bow hunt shall run concurrent with the State of Minnesota’s archery hunting season.



**SECTION 5: EXCEPTIONS**

- A. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the discharge of any bow and arrow when discharged within a “bow and arrow practice range” or facility.
- B. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit the use of any bow and arrow in the lawful defense of the person, property, family or in the defense of enforcement of the laws of the Town, County, State or United States.
- C. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit the use of any bow and arrow for archery practice.

**SECTION 6: PENALTY**

- A. Any person found in violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by penalty established in State Statute for a misdemeanor as may be amended from time to time. Any person convicted of a violation of this ordinance shall be required to pay the reasonable costs of prosecution.
- B. The Town may in its discretion, seek any civil remedies available to it including remedies at law, in equity or other relief. In the event that civil remedy is pursued, the Town may seek reimbursement of any and all costs, disbursements, witness or other fees, as well as reasonable attorney’s fees expended by the Town in order to enforce this Ordinance.
- C. Other Remedies. Each right or remedy accruing to the Town under this Ordinance or at law is separate and distinct and may, at the Town’s discretion, be exercised independently or simultaneously with any other right or remedy.

**SECTION 7: SEVERABILITY**

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

**SECTION 8: MORE RESTRICTIVE STANDARDS**

More restrictive Federal, State, and or County regulations or standards shall take precedence over the provisions of this Ordinance.


**SECTION 9: REPEALER**

This ordinance hereby repeals and replaces ordinance #26 approved August 31, 2009, “An Ordinance Regulating Bow Hunting” and any amendments thereto prior to the date of passage of this ordinance.

**SECTION 10: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall be effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

**PASSED** by the Town of Rice Lake Board of Supervisors this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

  
John Werner  
Chair, Rice Lake Town Board

ATTEST:

  
Joan Jauss  
Clerk, Rice Lake Township