

BARRON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 4

**Ordinance to Amend the Parks & Recreation Ordinance
Relating to Regulations Affecting County Rifle Ranges**

The Barron County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows

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2 **WHEREAS**, the Property Committee has engaged in discussions of concerns and
3 complaints relating to use and certain practices by individuals using the County facilities;
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5 **WHEREAS**, the County Board by Ordinance No. 2021-15 did address some
6 concerns that related to the use of high caliber weapons, such as 50-caliber centerfire,
7 which causes significant damage to the range targets and stands; the the use of Binary
8 Reactive Exploding Targets, such as Tannerite; and addressed the hours and days of
9 operation; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the Committee continues to discuss specific complaints regarding
12 noise and individuals using the range facility after closing hours and the need for
13 enforcement of hours of operation as posted; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, the Committee has authorized the placement of security cameras at
16 the Owen Anderson Rifle Range and will be requesting approval from the County Board
17 for funding to provide security camera at the Maple Plain Rifle Range, as well as engaging
18 in a coordinated effort with the Sheriff's Department to provide enforcement; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, the Property Committee recommends that Section 42.17 (2) (a), (c)
21 and (d) of the Parks and Recreation Ordinance be amended as follows to further address
22 the above concerns:

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24 a. Hours of Operation. County Rifle Ranges hours of operation shall
25 be 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Wednesday through Saturday and Sunday 12:00 pm
26 to 6:00 pm. The County Rifle Ranges shall be closed during the deer gun
27 hunting season and deer muzzleloader season, or at such other times as
28 approved and posted by the Property Committee. A temporary closure for
29 unexpected or emergency reasons by the County Administrator shall be
30 effective until the next meeting of the Property Committee. Using or being
31 present on the range property prior to 8:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m., or
32 present on the range Monday, Tuesday, Sunday before 12:00 pm, or on any
33 date that the ranges has been posted as closed shall be a violation pursuant
34 to Sub d. below.

35 c. The use of the County Rifle Range Facilities is a privilege that is
36 provided to the public for responsible use and enjoyment. Continued use by
37 any individual or groups is subject to obeying the rules of the range attached
38 hereto and as amended by the Barron County Property Committee.

39 d. Violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a
40 forfeiture as set forth in Section 42.71 of the Parks and Recreation
41 Ordinance.
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43 **WHEREAS**, this ordinance was approved by the Property Committee on April 3,
44 2023 on a vote of 7 – 0 with Heller, Rogers, Effertz, Bartlett, McRoberts, Moen and
45 Schradle voting in favor and no members voting against.

46 **WHEREAS**, this ordinance was approved by the Executive Committee on April 5,
47 2023 on a vote of 9 – 0 with Okey, Bartlett, Rogers, Moen, Nelson (alternate), Heinecke,
48 Hanson, Heller (alternate) and Cook voting in favor and no members voting against.
49 Thompson and Buchanan were absent.
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51 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that Section 42.17(2) (a), (c) and (d)
52 of the Barron County Parks and Recreation Ordinance shall be amended as follows:
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73 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall be effective upon its
74 adoption and publication and that publication of this ordinance may occur through posting
75 in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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OFFERED THIS 18th day of April, 2023.

<p>Number of readings required: One (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Two (<input type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) 2/3 Entire Board (20) (<input type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted (<input type="checkbox"/>) General Fund (<input type="checkbox"/>) Grant (<input type="checkbox"/>) Contingency (<input type="checkbox"/>) Other (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Details: N / A</p> <p>Fiscal impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Current year total amount: \$ 0- Future years total amount: \$ 0- Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ 0- Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ 0 <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Dana Heller, Property Committee Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>_____ Louie Okey, Executive Committee Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Failed (<input type="checkbox"/>) Tabled (<input type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>Motion: (Effertz/Gores) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Neuman).</p>
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