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Proposed edits for 173.-1 Use of firearms and weapons

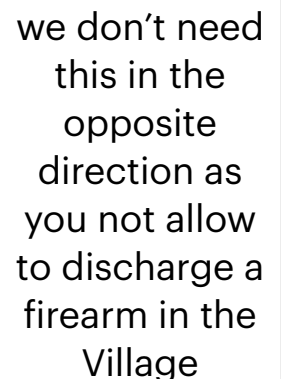
A. Discharge and Possession of Firearms Regulated. No person, unless acting in self-defense pursuant to Section 939.48, Wisconsin Statutes, except a sheriff, police officer or other law enforcement officer in the performance of an official duty, shall fire or discharge any firearm, rifle, spring gun, air gun or pneumatic pellet gun of any description, or bow and arrow unless engaged in permitted activity as explained in subsection F. of this section in their possession or under their control unless it is unloaded and enclosed or encased within a carrying case or other suitable container pursuant to state law. Children's toys that discharge or fire foam or plastic projectiles are exempt from this ordinance. This subsection shall not apply to the discharge of a firearm if the actor's conduct is justified or had it been subject to criminal penalty, would have been subject to a defense described in Section 939.45, Wisconsin Statutes.

B. 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.

C. Shooting Ranges. This section shall not prevent the maintenance and use of duly supervised rifle or pistol ranges or shooting galleries approved by the chief of police and Village Board, after an advisory recommendation from the Chief of Police, where proper safety precautions are taken.

E. Hunting Prohibited. Hunting is generally prohibited within the corporate limits of the Village.

F. Shooting or discharging a bow and arrow or crossbow or spring gun, air gun or pneumatic pellet gun within Village limits is allowed with the following provisions:



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1. Except as provided in subsection A, it shall be unlawful for a person to hunt with a bow and arrow or crossbow within a distance of one hundred (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 within the specified distance of the building.

2. A person who hunts with a bow and arrow or crossbow shall discharge the projectile from the weapon toward the ground.

3. No person shall discharge or spring gun, air gun or pneumatic pellet gun or an arrow with any bow or similar device where the projectile may endanger the life, limb or property of another or will traverse any part of any street, alley, public grounds or parks.

4. The Parks and Recreation department and the Monona Grove School District may conduct supervised archery or spring gun, air gun or pneumatic pellet gun activities in areas under their jurisdiction when authorized by the Chief of Police.

5. It shall be unlawful for a person to hunt or trap on any portion of land owned or leased by the Village of Cottage Grove.

G. Definition. For the purposes of this section, a "firearm" means a weapon that acts by force of gunpowder.