

16.30.520 County forest use regulations.

A. Recreational Use.

1. Overnight camping may be permitted in the county forest for a charge of \$10 for a period not to exceed 14 nights in succession, except during the camping season May 1 through September 15, or the period when fees are charged for use of a county campground. After camping 14 nights in succession, the camper may renew the camping permit for one additional 14 night period for an additional fee of \$10. Thereafter, the camping unit must be removed from the county forest for at least one night before the camping party is eligible to return. Any camper or campers who violate the rules and regulations of this chapter or of good conduct, including cutting or defacing timber, carelessness with fire, violation of game, fish and litter regulations shall be subject to ejection from the county forest and subject to the penalties provided by ordinances and state law.

2. The dumping of rubbish, debris, dirt, stone, or any other materials shall be prohibited on all county forest lands. Visitors, including berry pickers, hunters, fishermen and tourists are forbidden to leave litter anywhere in the forest or in its lakes or streams. It shall be unlawful to dispose of any personal household garbage in any department refuse receptacle on county forest land.

3. It is unlawful for any person to have in his or her possession or under his or her control in any county forest any firearm or airgun as defined in Wis. Stat. § 939.22(2), or any bow, crossbow or slingshot in contravention of state law.

4. It is unlawful to construct, occupy or use any elevated scaffold or other elevated device on county forest lands other than portable tree stands or to cause damage to trees on county forest lands by the placement, erection or removal of tree stands or other means of gaining access to trees. Portable tree stands shall be removed at the end of each day's hunting hours. Any structure found to be in violation of this section shall be subject to confiscation and disposal by the county.

5. It is unlawful to operate a vehicle for recreational use or other purposes in such a manner as to cause soil erosion, or other damage to county forest.

6. It is unlawful to operate any unauthorized motor vehicle or bicycle on roads or trails which are gated, beamed, or posted to prohibit travel.

7. It is unlawful for any person to abandon or leave any fires unattended, to discard any matches, cigarettes, cigars, pipe ashes, or any embers without first extinguishing them.

8. It is unlawful for any person to start or to possess any fires on a DNR designated red flag day including, but not limited to, campfires, use of cooking grills, smoking or cigarettes or pipe in the open. This prohibition includes all county owned land.

9. It is unlawful to cross-country ski or operate sled dogs on any authorized snowmobile trail on county land.

10. It is unlawful to operate any motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, utility-terrain vehicle, or any unlicensed motor vehicle on county forest land, except upon areas so designated by the county.

11. It is unlawful for any person to disturb, vandalize, damage, deface, remove, cut, or destroy any trees, shrubs, plants, rock, gravel, sand, dirt, or other natural material, to carve, paint or mark on any rocks, archeological or geological features, signs, walls, or structures, to drive nails into trees, or to move, injure, or deface in any manner any structures including buildings, signs, fences, tables, or other county property except with the approval of the committee or designee. This prohibition shall not include the picking of edible fruits, nuts, and fungi.

12. The department may authorize by permit persons with physical disabilities to use a motorized vehicle as a mode of personal conveyance. A permit is not required for disabled persons using a motorized wheel chair.

13. On joint use trails where both all terrain vehicle (ATV) use and snowmobile use are allowed simultaneously, whenever the trails are closed to snowmobile use due to insufficient snow depth, the same trails shall also be closed to all terrain vehicle (ATV) use.

14. It is unlawful to discharge a firearm at any time in the sand and gravel pit areas (approximately six acres of county forest land) referenced in the Order for Judgement in Case No. 07CV550, in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 19, T27N, R7W (near the Big Falls South Forest Road entrance), and along both sides of the Big Falls South Forest Road from CTH K to the Big Falls south park boundary within a distance of 50 (fifty) feet either side of the centerline of the road, and that said areas shall be signed accordingly per the Order for Judgement.

D. Timber Cutting.

1. Cultural cuttings shall include thinnings, release cuttings, sanitation cuttings and improvement cuttings to remove trees of inferior species, form, or condition for the purpose of stand improvement. All cultural cuttings in the county forest shall be approved by the committee, in accordance with the county forest management plan, and in cooperation with the staff of the DNR. Materials cut in such operations by county crews may be used by parks and forest department or given to other county agencies for their use, or sold, as the committee shall determine. When given, or sold, to other public agencies, the latter shall pay the county a sum not less than prevailing average stumpage rates.

2. Salvage cuttings shall include the cutting of timber damaged by fire, storm, insect or disease. Salvage cutting shall be done under the procedure specified for cultural cutting or for commercial cutting, as the committee may decide.

3. Commercial cuttings shall include all cuttings where stumpage is sold under contract in which the primary objective of the cutting is the marketing of the timber products, including logs, ties, poles, posts, pulpwood, piling, Christmas trees and boughs, or other forest products.

a. Timber sales shall be managed in accord with 2.04.475 B. 3.

b. Contract specifications for each cutting operation pertaining to payment and financial responsibility of the bidder shall be determined by the committee in consultation with the parks and forest director and the DNR forester.

c. After approval of any sales by the committee, a notice of intention to cut shall be prepared under Wis. Stat. § 28.11(6)(b)(3), and DNR rules. Cutting operations shall not be started until cutting notice approval is received by the DNR.

d. All timber sales shall conform with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 28.11, and shall follow the procedure as provided for in the DNR Timber Sales Handbook 2461.

e. Payment for forest products shall be made promptly after billing. Prepayment and other payment arrangements may be arranged with the approval of the committee.

E. Access to landlocked private land. It is unlawful for any person to cross county forest land to access landlocked private land without a county forest access permit. The permit fee is \$500 for 10 years. (Ord. 160-006, Sec. 1, 2016; Ord. 158-3, Sec. 2, 2014; Ord. 157-48, Sec. 4, 2014; Ord. 152-4, Sec. 38 & 39, 2010; Ord. 153-33, Sec. 1, 2010; Ord. 153-32, Sec. 1, 2010; Ord. 152-30, Sec. 15, 2008; Ord. 142-84 Sec. 9, 1999; Ord. 141-38, Sec. 6, 1997; Ord. 140-34, Sec. 12-15, 1996; Ord. 136-111, Sec. 23-26, 1993; Ord. 133-35, Sec. 2, 1989; Ord. 131-16 Sec. 13, 1987; Ord. 128-26 Sec. 17, 18, 1984.

16.30.530 Chemical pesticide use restrictions

A. The aerial application of chemical pesticides on any lands designated as county parks, waysides, special use areas or forest may be authorized only by the committee on parks and forest. (Ord. 158-13, Sec. 2, 2014)

16.30.600 Enforcement against violations.

A. Citation Enforcement of Ordinances. Department personnel so authorized at 1.50.030 B. may issue citations for violations of this chapter committed in their presence or for which they have reasonable cause to believe have been committed and they shall, at all times, have the right to enter upon the premises of any county park, wayside or special use area, or forest, inclusive of such portion of the grounds, buildings, structures or enclosures thereof which may be leased or set aside for private or exclusive use of any individual or group use thereof under the provisions of this chapter and any rules and regulations enacted hereunder. In so entering upon the premises above described, department personnel may use reasonable and necessary force to protect and promote the county's land and resources and the public peace. Department personnel authorized to issue citations under this chapter may issue a violation notice to recover the cost of any and all posted fees in accordance with a violation notice fee schedule as approved by the committee.

B. Corporation Counsel Duties. It shall be the responsibility of the corporation counsel to prosecute all civil violations, which arise under this chapter. Whenever evidence of unlawful cutting on county forest lands is discovered, the department shall recommend to the corporation counsel that a civil suit should be brought to recover damages as provided by Wis. Stat. § 26.09. Similarly, civil suits shall be brought against parties responsible for forest fire damage under Wis. Stat. § 26.21.

C. Criminal Action. Whenever an arrest has been made for unlawful cutting on county forest lands the district attorney shall take appropriate action under Wis. Stat. ch. 26.

D. Seizure. Whenever forest products are found and are known to have been unlawfully severed from county forest lands, the sheriff shall on satisfactory evidence seize such materials pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 26.06, for such use by the county as the board may determine.

E. Penalties. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$250.00 together with costs of action, and in default of payment thereof, to imprisonment in the county jail until such forfeiture and costs be paid, but not for more than 30 days, or until otherwise discharged pursuant to law. (Ord. 146-21, 2002; Ord. 137-109, Sec. 7, 1994; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

Chapter 16.33

EXPOSITION CENTER RENTAL POLICY

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16.33.001 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter shall be to establish a uniform policy for the rental of facilities located at the Eau Claire County Exposition Center. (Ord.141.04, Sec.3, 1997; Ord. 127-43 Sec.1(part), 1983).

16.33.005 Definitions.

A. "Dry storage" means the placement, for purposes of protection from the elements, of items of personal property.

B. "Nonprofit organizations" means an organization described in I.R.C. § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code which is exempt from federal income tax under I.R.C. § 501(a) of said code. (Ord. 132-92 Sec.1, 1989, Ord. 127-43 Sec.1(part), 1983).

16.33.007 Administration and promotion.

A. The exposition center director, under the auspices of the county administrator shall administer this chapter. The exposition center director or county extension office shall collect and deposit all revenues due thereunder as provided in Chapter 4.05.

B. The exposition center director, under the auspices of the county administrator shall insure that the exposition center facilities are open and usable by the general public of the county for all lawful purposes. The director shall actively promote and advertise the availability of exposition center facilities for rent in all appropriate media in order to maximize utilization year-round and generate income revenue. (Ord. 143-106, Sec. 3,2000; Ord.142-26 Sec.2, 1998; Ord.141.04 Sec.4, 1997; Ord.134-03 Sec.45, 1990; Ord.132-92 Sec.2, 1989, Ord. 127-43 Sec.1(part), 1983).