

## **8.24 Regulation Firearms and Dangerous Weapons**

### (1) DEFINITIONS.

- (a) “Firearm.” Any weapon which acts by force or by gunpowder.
- (b) “Dangerous weapons.” Any firearm which is loaded or unloaded, any device designed as a weapon and capable of producing death or great bodily harm, or any other device or instrumentality which, in the manner in which it is used or intended to be used, is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm.
- (c) “Public Building.” Any building owned by the Village, the county, or the school district.

### (2) RESTRICTIONS.

- (a) *Possession Of Firearms In A Public Place.* Only a person authorized by law enforcement officers to carry firearms, shall possess a firearm while in any public building, as defined in sub 1(c).
- (b) *Discharge Of Firearms Regulated.* No person except an authorized police officer shall discharge any firearm within the Village.
- (c) *Possession Of Dangerous Weapons.* No person other than an authorized police officer shall wear or carry any slingshot, cross knuckles of lead, brass or other metal, switchblade knife, or any other dangerous or deadly weapon within the Village limits, except in conformance with the restrictions and requirements of section 167.31 of Wisconsin Statutes.
- (d) *Use Of Other Dangerous Weapons.* No person shall shoot or discharge any dangerous weapon anywhere in the Village, except by permission of the Chief of Police, granted for special occasions, except in proper position for firing salutes or by command of a proper military or police officer in the performance of official duty, or in a licensed shooting range, on game farms or hunting preserves. This section does not apply to any person engaged in otherwise lawful activities on the premises of an established bow and arrow target range or other premises where the physical layout and circumstances are such that the health and safety of other persons is not endangered.
- (e) *Hunting Within Village.* No person shall engage in hunting activities using a firearm or bow within the corporate limits of the Village.

### (3) PENALTIES.

- (a) Any firearms or dangerous weapons used or possessed in violation of this ordinance shall be forfeited to the Village of Elkhart Lake.
- (b) Any person who violates Subsection (2) of Section 8.24 shall forfeit not more than \$500.00, together with costs of prosecution and may be ordered to pay restitution and complete community service.