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8.01 PURPOSE AND INTENT. This chapter is necessary to maintain and protect

the property owner and to insure the safety of human life. It is also intended to give hunters reasonable guidelines acceptable in the Town regarding property rights and the sportsmanlike conduct for the taking of all game animals.

8.02 TRESPASSING VIOLATIONS. There shall be a designated fine for trespassing on private property. It is recommended that all private property have “no trespassing” signs posted on individual posts with a minimum of 4 signs per 40 acres. However, failure to post land does not allow anyone the right to go on another person’s property without permission. Complaints may be signed by the owner, lessee or guardian of property involved. (See Department of Natural Resources Hunting Regulations Bulletin.)

8.03 DISCHARGING A FIREARM OR BOW AND ARROW.

1. No firearm, as defined by Wis. Stat. 167.31, regardless of caliber and no bow and arrow or crossbow, regardless of make or design, shall be discharged in the Town, within 150 feet of any adjacent property, without the written consent of the adjacent property owner.

2. Any discharge in compliance with this section shall be so aimed as to cause the projectile to travel in a direction parallel to, or away from adjacent properties or habitable dwelling.

3. This section shall not apply to persons engaged in bona fide practice with a bow and arrow, provided an appropriate backstop is employed to prohibit an arrow from traveling onto the property of others and in a direction so as not to place others in jeopardy.

8.04 CARRYING WEAPONS IN AN AUTOMOBILE, TRUCK, VAN, SNOWMOBILE, MINIBIKE, ETC. (1) All rifles, shotguns or handguns shall be unloaded and in a closed case, secured against opening by being tied, snapped, clasped or zippered shut.

(2) All conventional bows shall be unstrung and in a closed case, secured against opening by being tied, snapped, clasped or zippered shut.

(3) All compound bows shall be locked around the multiple bowstrings with a standard lock and key and placed in a closed case, secured against opening by being tied, snapped, clasped or zippered shut.

(4) No arrows of any kind (target or hunting) shall be carried in or on a vehicle without being in a quiver or carrying case.

(5) No one shall have a strung bow outside the case; a loaded rifle, regardless of caliber; or a loaded shotgun within 50' of any vehicle on a named road.

8.05 WISCONSIN HUNTING REGULATIONS ADOPTED. The Wisconsin Hunting Regulations bulletin is hereby adopted by reference where applicable and allowable, unless covered by a Town ordinance.

8.06 CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. All ordinances, in whole or in part, which conflict with the provisions of this chapter are hereby repealed.

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8.07 SEVERABILITY. Should any section or provision of this chapter be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this chapter as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared invalid.

8.10 PENALTIES. Any person or persons who violate, disobey, neglect or refuse to comply with or who resist the enforcement of any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200, together with the cost of the action. They may also have any or all equipment used in the violation confiscated, based upon the court's decision.