TOWN OF LOMIRA DODGE COUNTY

Chapter 13

Ordinance Regulating the Discharge of Firearms

Section 1. Purpose

The Town of Lomira has determined that the public health, safety, and general welfare is threatened when a person discharges a firearm within any platted subdivision in the Town of Lomira. The purpose of this Ordinance is to prohibit the discharge of firearms within those areas in the Town of Lomira.

Section 2. Authority

The Town has authority to adopt this Ordinance under Wis. Stats. §§ 60.10(2)(c), 60.22, 60.23, 66.0409(3)(b).

Section 3. Definitions

A. <u>Firearm</u>. A weapon that acts by force of gunpowder. "Firearm" also includes pellet guns, bb guns, and air guns.

Section 4. Discharge Prohibition

No person may discharge a firearm within any platted subdivision within the Town of Lomira.*

Section 5. Exceptions

This Ordinance does not apply to law enforcement officers when performing their official duties. Nor does this Ordinance apply if the actor's conduct is justified or, had it been subject to a criminal penalty, would have been subject to a defense described in Wis. Stat. § 939.45.

Section 6. Enforcement

Any person that violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to forfeitures of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00, plus costs and attorneys' fees, for each violation. Each time a firearm or bow and arrow is discharged constitutes a separate offense for purposes of this Ordinance. The Town may also seek injunctive relief, abatement orders, and other equitable relief as necessary in the event of a violation.

^{*} For informational purposes to residents, as of January 1, 2017 the only platted subdivisions within the Town of Lomira are (1) the unincorporated village of Knowles, (2) Kuen's Woods, and (3) Priest's.