

TOWN OF RHINE MUNICIPAL CODE

CHAPTER 17: TOWN OF RHINE PROPERTY (03/2026)

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17.01 PURPOSE¹

The purpose of this chapter is to protect the Town of Rhine's property and natural resources, and to govern the conduct of those visiting or using the same.

17.02 APPLICABILITY

(1) This chapter applies to all lands, structures and property owned, leased, or under the direct control of the Town of Rhine.

(2) For land owned by the Town of Rhine but under the supervision, management and control of another entity, the Town may waive its jurisdiction in whole or in part under this chapter.

17.03 DEFINITIONS

In this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(1) ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE has the meaning specified in s. 340.01(2g), Wis. Stats.

(2) BICYCLE means every device propelled by the feet acting upon pedals or an electric motor that provides pedaling assistance and having one or more wheels. *(Rev. 03/10/26)*

(3) CAMP or CAMPING means the use of a shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, bedroll or sleeping bag for temporary residence or sleeping purposes.

(4) CROPS means any vegetation planted as an agricultural commodity or for other use as part of a farming operation, or vegetation planted for personal consumption or aesthetics, such as a vegetable or flower garden.

(5) IMPROVED AREAS means the parking lot, sidewalks, walking paths, and mowed grassy areas surrounding the Town Hall, Town Park Shelter, and the Town Collection Site. *(Rev. 03/10/26)*

(6) PROPERTY means any structure, land, easement, or other property rights owned by or under the management, supervision, and control of the Town of Rhine.

¹ This chapter was adopted August 2, 2005; amended and moved to Ch. 17 by Ord. 2009-4, adopted July 7, 2009.

(7) RHINE'S NATURE PARK means the approximately 35 acres of vacant land surrounding the Rhine Town Hall, which was purchased in 2004.

(8) SNOWMOBILE has the meaning specified in s. 340.01(58a), Wis. Stats.

(9) VEHICLE means any motor vehicle, trailer, semi trailer, or mobile home and is further defined in s. 340.01 (74), Wis. Stats., and includes a snowmobile.

17.04 GENERAL RULES

(1) PHYSICAL PROPERTY. No person may destroy, molest, deface, remove or attempt to remove any natural growth, including rocks, minerals, and fossil materials, or natural or archaeological feature, except that edible fruits, nuts, wild mushrooms and wild asparagus may be removed for personal consumption.

(2) CLOSURE. The Town may close, by posted notice, any land, structure or other Town Property. No person may enter or be in any building or area that may be locked or closed to public use without a written permit from the Town.

(3) DISORDERLY CONDUCT. No person may engage in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct, or conduct which tends to cause or provoke a disturbance or create a breach of the peace.

(4) WASTE MATERIALS. No person may dispose of any refuse, debris, waste or recyclable material except by placing the material in receptacles provided for those purposes.

(5) DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY. No person may destroy, molest, possess without permission, attempt to remove or remove the property of others.

(6) EXPULSIONS. For violations of any state or local law, rule, or regulation, the Town may expel any person from Town Property except to conduct official business such as voting. Expulsion may be for up to 1 year at a time.

(7) SOLICITING. No person may peddle or solicit business, conduct commercial operations, distribute handbills or other advertising matter, or leave unauthorized signs on any Town Property, or use such Property for conducting or providing similar activities or services.

(8) ANIMALS

(a) Horses are prohibited on Town Property.

(b) Persons bringing or allowing dogs on Town Property shall be responsible for proper removal of any waste produced by these animals.

(c) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit or restrict the use of dogs for hunting purposes in any area that is open to hunting.

(9) CROPS. No person may plant or cultivate any crop unless authorized by the Town.

(10) CAMPING. Camping is prohibited on Town Property.

(11) FIRES. No person may start, tend or maintain any fire on the ground or burn any refuse.

(12) FIREWORKS. No person may possess or discharge any fireworks regulated by s. 167.10(1), Wis. Stats.

(13) FLYING. Flying related activities, including but not limited to, hang gliding, parasailing, hot air ballooning, land sailing, flying model airplanes or sky diving are prohibited.

(14) FIREARMS AND HUNTING. Firearms and hunting are prohibited within three hundred feet (300') of all Town buildings. (*Rev. 03/10/26*)

17.05 REGULATIONS FOR RHINE'S NATURE PARK

(1) CLOSING HOURS. No person may enter or be within the boundaries of the property between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. except hunters entering said land during established hunting seasons, provided the entry is no earlier than one hour prior to the opening of hunting hours established in s. NR 10.24.

(2) NOISE. No person may operate any sound truck, loudspeaker, generator, chainsaw, or other device that produces excessive, loud or unusual noises.

(3) ALCOHOL BAN. Alcohol is prohibited on the property.

(4) VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING

(a) No person may operate any vehicle in excess of 5 miles per hour.

(b) No person may operate or park any vehicle or bicycle outside improved areas.

(5) FIREARMS AND HUNTING

(a) Except for blinds used exclusively for waterfowl hunting as provided in s. 29.327 (2), Wis. Stats., no person may construct, occupy or use any elevated or ground blind or other elevated device on the property, except that portable tree stands and blinds may be used provided they are removed from the property each day at the close of hunting hours. No person may cause damage to trees by the placement or erection of portable tree stands or by any other manner while climbing or hunting from a tree. This subsection does not apply to the use of blinds constructed entirely of dead vegetation found on the property.

(b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the hunting of deer as provided in s. 29.621 (4), Wis. Stats., in accordance with the open seasons established by s. NR 10.27.

(c) No person may possess any loaded or uncased firearm or air gun, except while engaged in hunting in accordance with the open seasons established in s. NR 10.01.

(d) No hunting is permitted on rented farmland during crop season.

(e) No hunting or firearms are allowed within three hundred feet (300') of all town buildings. (*Rev. 03/10/26*)

17.06 REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN HALL

(1) HOURS. All functions must end by 12:00 midnight.

(2) FEES. See Fee Schedule, Table 21.04.

(3) CLEANUP. See Town of Rhine Town Hall/Park Shelter Rental Agreement. (*Rev. 03/10/26*)

(4) DAMAGE. Any damage done to the interior or exterior of the building is the responsibility of the renter. Renter agrees to pay all repair costs if such damage occurs.

(5) SMOKING POLICY. There is no smoking in the Town Hall. If smoking occurs outside the Hall, it is the responsibility of the renter to appropriately clean the area.

(6) FIREARMS AND HUNTING. Firearms and hunting are prohibited on all Town Hall property. *(Rev. 03/10/26)*

17.07 REGULATIONS FOR THE PARK SHELTER

(1) HOURS. All functions must end by 12:00 midnight.

(2) FEES. See Fee Schedule, Table 21.04.

(3) CLEANUP. . See Town of Rhine Town Hall/Park Shelter Rental Agreement. *(Rev. 03/10/26)*

(4) DAMAGE. Any damage done to the interior or exterior of the building is the responsibility of the renter. Renter agrees to pay all repair costs if such damage occurs.

(5) SMOKING POLICY. There is no smoking in the Town Shelter. If smoking occurs outside the Shelter, it is the responsibility of the renter to appropriately clean the area.

(6) FIREARMS AND HUNTING. Firearms and hunting are prohibited on all Park Shelter property. *(Rev. 03/10/26)*

17.08 REGULATIONS FOR THE WASTE COLLECTION SITE

(1) HOURS. The Town of Rhine Waste Collection Site, located at W6426 County Road EH, is open for business Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. When the usual date falls on a holiday, the day will be changed as needed. Hours may be added or changed as required by the Town Board by majority vote. The public will be informed of any schedule changes. *(Rev. 03/10/26)*

(2) FEES. See Fee Schedule, Table 21.04.

(3) FIREARMS AND HUNTING. Firearms and hunting are prohibited on all Waste Collection Site property. *(Rev. 03/10/26)*

(4) STANDARD YARD RULES

(a) Designated collection dumpsters for specific items are identified and provided at the Collection Site and must be used accordingly. Climbing on or going into dumpsters is prohibited. If dumpsters are full there are extra dumpsters provided for all overflow items and will be designated by the attendants on duty.

(b) Only the attendants on duty can allow permission for residents to deposit brush at the northern lower level drop site provided. Only brush and similar vegetative material authorized by the attendants is allowed.

(c) Refuse and garbage may only be delivered to the Collection Site during the designated hours. Nothing may be left on the property outside of the Site during hours when it is not open. Section 2.08 of this Code prohibiting littering applies and will be enforced.

(d) Separation of refuse requirements, definitions and instructions are listed in Chapter 14 – Recycling of the Town of Rhine Municipal Code. All persons bringing material to the Collection Site are required to separate refuse as required by Chapter 14 - Recycling of this Code.