

**ORDINANCE NO. 080414-01**  
**An Ordinance Amending Sec. 42-42 of the Municipal Code**  
**Regarding Bow and Crossbow hunting in the Village**

The Village Board of the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake, Walworth County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Sec. 42-42 of the municipal code of the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake is hereby created to read as follows:

**Sec. 42-42. Dangerous weapons and firearms.**

- (a) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Dangerous weapon* means any device, excluding firearms, designed as a weapon and capable of producing death or great bodily harm, or any other device or instrumentality which, in the manner it is used or intended to be used, is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

*Firearm* means any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, including a spring or air gun.

- (b) *Carrying prohibited.* Firearms in public buildings.
- (1) Pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 943.13(1 m)(c)4., no person shall enter or remain in any part of a building owned, occupied or controlled by the state or local governmental unit if the state or local governmental unit has notified the person not to enter or remain in the building while carrying a firearm or specific type of firearm.
  - (2) The village administrator shall cause signage to be erected at all entrances to all buildings owned, occupied or under the control of the Village of Fontana providing notice that no person is to enter or remain in any such building while carrying a firearm. Such signs shall be five inches by seven inches or larger.
  - (3) Nothing in the section shall be construed to apply to prohibit a peace officer or military personnel armed in the line of duty or any person duly authorized by the chief of police to possess a firearm in any public building. Notwithstanding Wis. Stats. § 939.22(22), for purpose of this subsection, peace officer does not include a commission warden who is not a state certified commission warden.
  - (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the carrying of any firearm or dangerous weapon contrary to Wis. Stats. §§ 941.23 or 941.235.
- (c) *Certain knives prohibited.* No person shall sell, offer to sell, transport, purchase, possess or go armed with any knife having a blade which opens by pressing a button, spring or other device in the handle, or by gravity, or by a thrust or movement, within the village limits.
- (d) *Discharging limited.* Except as may be permitted in § 42-42(d), below, no person, except a peace officer, shall fire or discharge any firearm, rifle, dangerous weapon, spring or air gun within the village limits, nor in the territory adjacent to the village, in such a manner that the discharge shall enter or fall within the Village limits.



- (1) The Village may limit who may hunt and when hunting may take place on land that is owned or leased by the Village for the purpose of public health and/or safety.
- (2) Hunting with a bow and arrow or crossbow may take place on private property within the Village of Fontana with the following restrictions:
  - (A) No person may hunt on private property with a bow and arrow or crossbow that is within 100 yards of a building located on private property owned by another individual, unless the owner of the land on which the building is located allows hunting with a bow and arrow within 100 yards of the building.
  - (B) Any person hunting with a bow and arrow or crossbow must be at an elevation where the discharge of the arrow or bolt from the respective weapon is always toward the ground.

~~(e) Exceptions. An exception exists for persons hunting with a permit from the village and in compliance with the ordinances of the village.~~

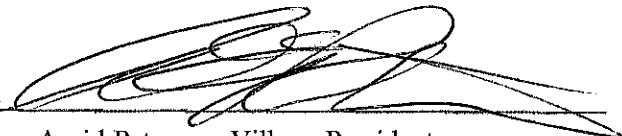
(Ord. No. 04-05-10-04, § 1, 4-5-2010; Ord. No. 11-07-11-01, § 1, 11-7-2011)

## SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon and from its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Village Board of the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake, Walworth County, Wisconsin, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE  
OF FONTANA-ON-GENEVA LAKE

By:   
Arvid Petersen, Village President

Attest:   
Theresa G. Linneman, Village Clerk

