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Resolution #53-2014

**GENERAL CODE OF ONEIDA COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #**

Ordinance Amendment offered by Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Forestry Department is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of County Forest Recreation areas, and

WHEREAS, there have been significant changes to several County Forest Recreation Areas in the past year, and

WHEREAS, existing regulations need to be adjusted to address these changes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Any existing ordinances, codes, resolutions, or portions thereof in conflict with this ordinance shall be and hereby are repealed as far as any conflict exists.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

Section 3. If any claims, provisions or portions of this ordinance are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Sections 14.10 and 14.13 of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin, are amended as follows [additions noted by underline, deletions noted by strikethrough]:

14.10 DEFINITIONS.

[Sections 14.10 (1)-(3) remain unchanged]

(4) (e) Almon Park Trails (for summer hiking and winter snowshoeing only).

1. Wetland Trail.

2. Upland Trail.

[Section 14.10 (5) remains unchanged]

(6) SILENT SPORTS TRAILS. (Am. Res. #93-2009) Trails formally designated and maintained for one or more of ~~any of~~ the following activities: hiking, biking, skiing, or snowshoeing.

[Remainder of 14.10 remains unchanged]

14.13 RULES AND REGULATIONS. (Am. #53-2008; Res. #93-2009

[Sections 14.13 (1)-(2a) remain unchanged]

(2) (b) Townline Park:

~~1. Toilet buildings are seasonally maintained and remain open for public use between the dates of May 15th and October 31st.~~

1.2. Access road and parking lots are seasonally maintained and open to public use between the dates of April 30th and November 15th.

(c) Perch Lake Park: All park infrastructure is open and maintained year-round for public use.

(d) Enterprise Forest Campground: All campground infrastructure is seasonally maintained and open to public use between the dates of May 22nd and December 2nd.

[Sections 14.13 (3)-(5) remain unchanged]

(6) DESTRUCTION, DEFACEMENT OR REMOVAL. (Am. Res. #93-2009) Except for the picking of edible fruits or nuts for noncommercial purposes, the following are prohibited:

(a) Disturbing, molesting, defacing, removing or destroying any trees, shrubs, plants or other natural growth.

(b) Carving on any rocks, archaeological or geological features, picnic tables, signs, walls or structures.

55 [Sections 14.13 (6c)-(7b) remain unchanged]

56 (7) (c) Enter or be in any building, installation or area after the posted closing time or
57 before the posted opening time, or contrary to posted notice, in any recreation
58 area or special use area, unless specifically authorized to do so by the Forest
59 Director or Forestry, Land, and Recreation Committee.

60 [Section 14.13 (8) remains unchanged]

61 (9) DISPOSAL OF REFUSE. (Am. Res. #93-2009) No person shall dispose of any litter,
62 garbage, sewage, ~~bottles, tin cans~~ recyclables, cigarette butts, paper or any other waste
63 material by improperly dumping such refuse in any County recreation area, boat landing,
64 special use area, or on forest land. Refuse and recyclables generated by individuals while
65 visiting one of the formally designated County Forest Recreation Areas should be
66 disposed of except by placing said refuse in receptacles provided for such purposes. No
67 refuse or recyclables can be brought into a County Recreation Area for the purpose of
68 disposing material in trash recyclables. Charcoal residue in any grill, fire-ring, or fireplace
69 shall be left in its place of origin until completely extinguished and cold.

70 [Sections 14.13 (10)-(14) remain unchanged]

71 (15) PET REGULATIONS FOR RECREATION AREAS. (Am. #107-2005; #53-2008; Res.
72 #93-2009) No person shall allow pets to enter any public building, swimming beach,
73 picnic area, playground, ~~or to be on any ski trail when snow covered~~, or concrete pad
74 surrounding a water pump within any County Recreation Area. Pets are allowed in all
75 other areas of County Recreation facilities, provided they are leashed and under the
76 owner's control at all times. No person shall allow their pet to deprive or disrupt the
77 enjoyment or use of any County Recreation Area by others. Regulations pertaining to
78 pets on formally designated Silent Sports Trails are listed under 14.13 (21). Regulations
79 pertaining to pets at designated campgrounds are listed under 14.18 (4)(c).

80 [Sections 14.13 (16)-(17) remain unchanged]

81 (18) ATHLETICS. No person shall play or practice any outdoor sport or other games ~~upon~~
82 ~~or within any County recreation area, except in areas provided for each individual~~
83 ~~sporting activity or in any a manner from which injury, that could injure, disturb, or~~
84 ~~inconvenience to others. might result.~~

85 [Section 14.13 (19) remains unchanged]

86 (20) SILENT SPORTS TRAIL FACILITIES. (Am. #107-2005; Res. #93-2009)

87 [Sections 14.13 (20a-d) remain unchanged]

88 (e) Pet regulations for Silent Sports Trails:
89 1. When silent sports trails are located within the boundary of a formally
90 designated County Recreation Area, pet regulations for County Recreation
91 Areas supersede those for Silent Sports Trails. The following silent sports
92 trails, or segments thereof, must follow pet regulations for County
93 Recreation Facilities listed under 14.13(15):
94 a. That portion of the Washburn Silent Sports Trail located within the
95 boundary of Perch Lake Park.
96 b. The Upland Trail located within the boundary of Almon Park.
97 c. The Wetland Trail located within the boundary of Almon Park.
98 2. Pets are permitted on all silent sports trails when said trails are not snow
99 covered, provided that said pets are under the owner's ~~voice~~ control or
100 leashed.

101 [Sections 14.13 (20)(e)(3)-(4) remain unchanged]

102 [Section 14.13 (21) remains unchanged]

103 (22) GROUND BLINDS. (Cr. #107-2005)

104 A ground blind means a structure, enclosure, or (a) Dead Natural Material Ground
105 Blind: These blinds must be completely made of materials natural to the area such
106 as dead leaves, branches, bark, or naturally fallen trees. Screws, nails, lag screws,
107 screw steps, metal spikes, wire, nylon rope, or other non-biodegradable materials
108 may not be used to fasten materials together or to trees. Any material, natural or
109 manufactured, placed on the ground to assist in concealing or disguising the user

110 or occupant for the purpose of taking game. The following types of ground blinds
111 are legal on Oneida County Forest land:

112 [Section 14.13 (22)(a) remains unchanged]

113 (b) Portable Manufactured or Portable Constructed Ground Blind: These blinds
114 must be clearly portable and be completely removed from the Oneida County
115 Forest at the end of each day's hunt. Fasteners, if used to attach or anchor the
116 blind, cannot damage any living trees or penetrate the cambium of a living tree
117 and must be completely removed with the blind at the end of each day's hunt.
118 Owner identification is not required on this type of blind.

119 (c) Seasonal Manufactured or Seasonal Constructed Ground Blind: These blinds
120 include all other blinds not meeting the requirements of either Type (a) or Type
121 (b) including Portable Manufactured or Portable Constructed Ground Blinds if
122 not removed daily. Type (C) blinds can be placed on Oneida County Forest land
123 1 week prior to the opening day of Wisconsin's first big game hunting season,
124 and must be completely removed no later than 1 week after the closing date of
125 Wisconsin's last deer season the following year. The name, address, and
126 telephone number of the blind owner must be clearly printed on or attached to
127 the blind. Fasteners, if used to anchor or attach the blind, cannot damage any
128 living trees or penetrate the cambium of a living tree and must be removed with
129 the blind.

130 (d) ~~Portable and or Seasonal Manufactured or Constructed~~ Any Ground Blinds
131 found in violation of 14.13(22) of the General Code of Oneida County,
132 Wisconsin will be removed by forestry department employees, destroyed, or
133 sold at county auction. A person found in violation of any portion of the
134 aforementioned ordinance is subject to a citation and monetary forfeiture.
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136 Approved by the Forestry, Land & Recreation Committee this ____ day of _____, 2014.

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138 Consent Agenda Item: ____ YES ____ NO

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140 Vote Required: Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

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143 The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes _____ No _____ as reviewed by
144 the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date: _____

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by the County Board of Supervisors this _____day of _____, 2014.

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Mary Bartelt, County Clerk

David Hintz, County Board Chair