

Village of De Soto
Ordinance No. 8

Regulating Use of Firearms

The Village Board for the Village of De Soto, Crawford and Vernon Counties, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Section 1:

- (1) No person, except a duly sworn law enforcement officer, shall fire or discharge any firearm, rifle, shot gun, spring or air gun, within the Village limits of the Village of De Soto, nor have any firearm, rifle, shot gun, spring or air gun under his control unless it is unloaded. Notwithstanding the above, a person may discharge a firearm, rifle, shot gun, spring or air gun within the Village limits of the Village of De Soto if that person does so while legally hunting and not closer than 300 feet from a structure used for human habitation.
- (2) Any person may target practice with a bow and arrow within the Village limits of the Village of De Soto as long as a commercially produced target is used with a sufficient back stop such as a hillside or earthen berm. Any person may hunt with a bow and arrow within the Village limits of the Village of De Soto provided that they are no closer than 300 feet from a structure used for human habitation.

Section 2: Any person violating any section of this Ordinance shall be held liable for any damages resulting there from plus pay a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$200.00 plus the cost of prosecution.

Section 3: If any provision of this Ordinance is invalid or unconstitutional or if the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstances is invalid or unconstitutional such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not effect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Section 5: For purposes of hunter safety education, firearms may be displayed in a designated classroom setting without being cased or broken down. "DUMMY" ammunition provide by the DNR Hunter Education Service may be used in the classroom for purposes of demonstrating safe loading and unloading of firearms.

Amended and Approved 05/05/04, 08/05/06 and 10-7-06.

Adopted this 7th day of October, 2006.

Chris Mussatti

Chris Mussatti, Village President

Attest: Carrie A. Brudos

Carrie A. Brudos, Clerk/Treasurer

Date Posted 10-12-06