

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 10**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 271 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER RELATING TO REGULATING DEER HUNTING BY ARCHERY AND BY CROSSBOW WITHIN THE INCORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY AND CHAPTER 272 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER RELATING TO PROHIBITING HUNTING ON CITY OWNED LANDS WITHIN THE CITY**

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

**SECTION I:**

Chapter 271 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Richland Center is adopted to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 271**

**REGULATING DEER HUNTING BY ARCHERY AND BY CROSSBOW WITHIN THE INCORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY**

**271.01 Definitions.**

(1) In this chapter "building" means a permanent structure used for human occupancy and includes a manufactured home as defined in sec. 101.91(2) Wis. Stats. [Wis. Stats. Sec. 29.038(3)(b)1]

(2) In this chapter "hunt" or "hunting" includes shooting, shooting at, pursuing, taking, capturing or killing or attempting to capture or kill any wild animal. [Wis. Stats. Sec. 29.001 (42)]

**271.02 General Regulation of Deer Hunting by Archery and Crossbow Within the City Corporate Limits.** The general prohibition against hunting on lands owned by the City of Richland Center within corporate limits of the City set forth in Chapter 272 of the Code of Ordinances is exempted pursuant to the rules and regulations set out below:

(1) Deer hunting by archery or crossbow is permissible within the corporate limits of the City of Richland Center during annual Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources designated archery hunting seasons subject to the following limitations and conditions:

(a) Hunting of deer by archery or crossbow within the corporate limits shall be done in accordance with all rules and regulations of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and City ordinances.

(b) Hunters must possess a current Wisconsin DNR archery license.

(c) No person shall release a hunting arrow or hunting bolt within 300 feet from the nearest boundary of a City park.

(d) No person shall release a hunting arrow or hunting bolt within 300 feet of a building located on another person's land, unless the hunter has actual permission from the landowner on whose land the building is located to hunt within the 300 feet.

(e) A hunter may only release or discharge a hunting arrow or hunting bolt toward the ground from an elevated stand or other means. The arrow or bolt shall have the owner's name and telephone number permanently affixed.

(f) Hunters must have actual permission of the landowner before entering upon privately owned land for the purpose of tracking or retrieving a deer.

**271.03 Regulations Applicable to Deer Hunting By Archery on City-owned Property Within the Corporate Limits of the City.** Deer hunting by archery or crossbow within the corporate limits of the City of Richland Center on designated City-owned property shall be permitted only upon first obtaining a municipal hunting permit issued by the Richland Center Parks and Recreation Department or other designated department or agency of the City subject to the requirements listed under Sec. 271:02 and all of the following:

(1) Deer hunting by archery or crossbow shall only be allowed on City owned properties in areas depicted on a map previously approved by the Common Council. The map shall be retained and reviewed annually by the Richland Center Parks and Recreation Department and the Richland Center Police Department, who may recommend changes on the map to the City Council .

(2) Prior to receipt of a municipal hunting permit, every applicant for such permit must complete an application at the Richland Center Parks and Recreation Department providing their name, address, phone number, photo identification, indicate desired municipal property they wish to hunt, provide proof of possession of a current DNR archery hunting license and show proof of successful completion of marksmanship proficiency certification. The City of Richland Center Common Council shall include the cost of the municipal hunting permit on the official Fee Schedule for a municipal hunting permit. The permit shall expire at the end of each calendar year or at such other time as determined

(3) Elevated stands may be installed on City owned property where deer hunting is

allowed no earlier than 24 hours prior to a permitted hunt and shall be removed by the end of allowable hunting hours on the last day of the permitted hunt. Said stands shall have the owner's name, address and phone number attached that is visible from the ground. Tree stands or tree steps shall not be permanently installed or attached to trees in such a manner that damages the tree. The cutting of vegetation for shooting lanes is prohibited.

(4) Hunters shall wear at minimum a blaze orange cap while hunting. Additional blaze orange is optional.

(5) Coordinated drives for the purpose of hunting deer are not permitted.

(6) Each municipal hunting permit shall designate the dates and times it is valid. Such dates and times shall be given to each person applying for a municipal hunting permit. Hunters shall complete and return the hunter performance section of the municipal hunting permit to the Parks and Recreation office within 72 hours of final day of permitted hunting. Failure to return hunter performance section of municipal hunting permit shall result in suspension of eligibility to receive future municipal hunting permits.

(7) No person shall release a hunting arrow or hunting bolt within 300 feet of a City park.

(8) No person shall release a hunting arrow or hunting bolt within 300 feet of a building on land owned by another unless the hunter has received actual permission from the land owner to hunt within such 300 feet.

(9) No motorized vehicles are permitted on City owned property except for authorized City vehicles.

**271.04 Penalty for Violations.** Any person who shall violate or fail or refuse to comply with any section of this chapter may be prosecuted for such violation and shall, upon conviction, forfeit to the City of Richland Center not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$400.00, plus all applicable costs, fees and surcharges imposed under Ch. 814 Wis. Stats., and in the event such forfeiture, costs, fees and surcharges are not paid, may, upon order of the Circuit Court, be imprisoned in the Richland County jail until such forfeiture, costs and assessment are paid, but not to exceed 90 days, or may be subject to any other sanctions imposed by the Court for such failure to pay. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate violation.

## **SECTION II:**

Chapter 272 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Richland Center is adopted to read as follows:

### **CHAPTER 272**

**GENERAL PROHIBITION AGAINST HUNTING ON CITY-OWNED  
LAND WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY**

**272.01 General Prohibition on Hunting on City-Owned Lands Within the City.**

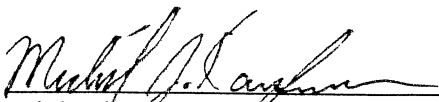
No person shall, within the corporate limits of the City of Richland Center, hunt any game animal, game bird, game or wild animal on any lands owned by the City of Richland Center.

**272.02 Penalty for Violations.** Any person who shall violate or fail or refuse to comply with any section of this chapter may be prosecuted for such violation and shall, upon conviction, forfeit to the City of Richland Center not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$400.00, plus all applicable costs, fees and surcharges imposed under Ch. 814 Wis. Stats., and in the event such forfeiture, costs, fees and surcharges are not paid, may, upon order of the Circuit Court, be imprisoned in the Richland County jail until such forfeiture, costs and assessment are paid, but not to exceed 90 days, or may be subject to any other sanctions imposed by the Court for such failure to pay. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate violation.

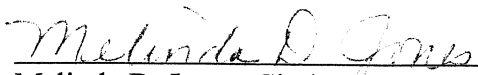
**SECTION 3 EFFECTIVE DATE.**

These ordinances shall become effective upon their passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted this 5th day of November, 2019

  
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Michael J. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Melinda D. Jones, Clerk