

Ordinance 2024-01

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Price by Amending Chapter 398 Parks and Forests

Be it ordained (enacted) by the Price County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The Code of Price County is hereby amended by amending Chapter 398 Parks and Forests, Article II, General Regulations §398.20 Vehicular traffic, by amending Subsection E.

- E. It is unlawful to operate any ~~all terrain vehicle or sport utility motor~~ vehicle in any area signed, gated, bermed or rocked and as such prohibiting use or ~~or~~ upon any trail in any park, wayside or special use area, except in areas or upon trails which have been specifically posted by the Department for utilization of ~~all terrain vehicles or sport utility motor~~ vehicles.

Section 2. The Code of Price County is hereby amended by amending Chapter 398 Parks and Forests, Article II, General Regulations §398.20 Vehicular traffic, by adding Subsections G and H.

- G. It is unlawful to operate any off-highway motorcycle, as defined at § 23.335, Wis. Stats., in any area signed, gated, bermed or rocked and as such prohibiting use of or upon any trail in any park, wayside or special use area, except in areas or upon trails which have been specifically posted by the department for utilization of motor vehicles.
- H. It is unlawful to operate any Class 2 electric bicycle, as defined at § 340.01(15ph), Wis. Stats., in any County designated non-motorized area.

Section 3. The Code of Price County is hereby amended by amending Chapter 398 Parks and Forests, Article II, General Regulations §398.33 Campground regulations by amending Subsection B.

- B. Camping limit. No person shall camp and no camping unit shall remain in a campground for a period in excess of ~~14~~ 28 nights in succession. Thereafter, the camping unit must be removed from the property for at least one night before the camping party is eligible to return.

Section 4. The Code of Price County is hereby amended by amending Chapter 398 Parks and Forests, Article II, General Regulations §398.36 Forest use regulations by amending Subsection A. Recreational use.

- 4) It is unlawful to construct, occupy or use any elevated scaffold or other elevated device on County forest lands other than portable tree stands or to cause damage to trees on County forest lands by the placement, erection or removal of tree stands or other means of gaining access to trees. ~~Portable tree stands shall be removed at the end of each day's hunting hours.~~

Section 5. The Code of Price County is hereby amended by amending Chapter 398 Parks and Forests, Article III, Tree Stands, Elevated Devices and Ground Blinds by amending §398.42 Elevated platforms and portable tree stands by amending Subsections C and D.

- C. Portable tree stands may be used on Price County forest land, provided that they do not damage trees. Portable tree stands can be placed on Price County forest land not more than one week prior to the opening day of Wisconsin's first big game hunting season and must be completely removed no later than ~~one week after the closing date of Wisconsin's last deer season~~ January 20th of the following year. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) customer identification number must be attached to the stand at eye level to a person standing on the ground.
- D. Elevated platforms and portable tree stands found in violation of this article will be removed

by Forestry or Sherriff's Department employees. A person found in violation of any portion of this article is subject to a citation and monetary forfeiture.

Section 6. The Code of Price County is hereby amended by amending Chapter 398 Parks and Forests, Article III, Tree Stands, Elevated Devices and Ground Blinds by amending §398.43 Ground blinds by amending Subsection B.

B. Portable manufactured ground blinds found in violation of this article will be removed by Forestry or Sherriff's Department employees. A person found in violation of any portion of this article is subject to a citation and monetary forfeiture.

Section 7. The Code of Price County is hereby amended by amending Chapter 398 Parks and Forests, Article III, Tree Stands, Elevated Devices and Ground Blinds by amending §398.44 Trail cameras.

Trail cameras may be used year round, so long as no damage is done to trees. Trail cameras found in violation of this article will be removed by Forestry or Sherriff s Department employees. Trail cameras must be properly identified with name and phone number or DNR customer ID number.

Section 8. Effective date.

This ordinance shall be effective as of date of publication.

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee

Jeffrey Hallstrand, Chair

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Reviewed by County Administrator:

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Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of April 2024.

Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair

Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

For: _____

Against: _____