

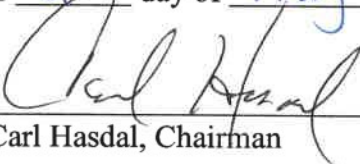
ORDINANCE NO. 26 - 07

**AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN OF ROME CODE
CHAPTER 266 - NUISANCES**

**SECTION 1 – 4, PRIVATE PROPERTY, PERMIT, VIOLATIONS AND
PENALTIES, DEFINITIONS**

The Town Board of the Town of Rome, Adams County, Wisconsin, hereby amends the Town of Rome Code of Ordinances as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The amendment shall be published or posted pursuant to section 60.80 Wis. Stats. and shall take effect the day after such posting or publication.

Adopted this 21 day of May, 2026

Approved: 
Carl Hasdal, Chairman

Attested: 
Wendy Newsom, Town Clerk

Chapter 266

NUISANCES

§ 266-1.	Nuisances on private property.	§ 266-3.	Violations and penalties.
§ 266-2.	Permit.	§ 266-4.	Definitions.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Rome as Sec. 9.04 of the prior Code. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 266-1. Nuisances on private property.

- A. Definition. Any condition or use of premises or building exteriors which is detrimental to the property of others or which causes or tends to cause substantial diminution in the value of other property in the neighborhood in which such premises are located. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
1. Keeping or depositing on or the scattering over the premises of any lumber, junk, trash, or debris; abandoned, discarded, or unused objects or equipment, such as motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, furniture, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, cans, or containers.
 2. Maintaining any object on the premises which causes an odor, which is revolting or obnoxious and which gives pain or unpleasant sensation to the owners of neighboring properties is a violation of this chapter.
 3. Keeping or depositing on the premises of any partially dismantled, wrecked, junked, unlicensed, discarded appliances, recreational vehicles, motor vehicles, machinery or manufactured homes or otherwise nonoperating motor vehicles, recreational vehicles or noninhabitable manufactured homes.
- B. No person in charge of or in control of premises, whether as owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or otherwise, shall allow any nuisance described in Paragraphs A.1 or A.2 above to occur on such property, except that any nuisance materials described in Paragraph A.1 may, if not simultaneously in violation of Paragraph A.2, be kept in an enclosed building or so located upon the premises as not to be readily visible from any public place or from any surrounding private property.
- C. No person in charge of or in control of premises, whether as owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or otherwise, shall allow any object described in Paragraph A.3 to remain on such property longer than 10 days; and no person shall leave any such vehicle on any property within the Town for a longer time than 10 days, except that this subsection shall not apply with regard to any vehicle in an enclosed building or so located upon the premises as not to be readily visible from any public place or from any surrounding private property. This subsection shall further not apply with regard to any vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise operated in a lawful place, other than in a residential district, and operated in a lawful manner, when the keeping or maintenance of such a vehicle is necessary to the operation of such business enterprise; or with regard to a vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the Town or any public agency or entity, except that this section does not restrict the Town from proceeding under any other ordinance which the Town may have relating to nonoperating vehicles as herein described.
- D. Whenever the Police Department shall find any vehicles or appliances, as described herein, placed or stored in the open upon private property within the Town, they shall notify the owner of said property

on which said vehicle or appliance is stored of the violation of this section. If said vehicles or appliance is not removed within five days, the Police Department shall cause to be issued a citation to the property owner or tenant of the property upon which said vehicle or appliance is stored.

- E. If such vehicle or appliance is not removed within 20 days after issuance of a citation, the Chief of Police shall cause the vehicle or appliance to be removed and impounded, and the Chief of Police or his duly authorized representative shall thereafter dispose it of. Any cost incurred in the removal and sale of said vehicle or appliance shall be recovered from the owner. However, if the owner of the vehicle or appliance cannot readily be found, the cost of such removal shall be charged to the property from which it is removed, which charges shall be entered as a special charge on the tax roll.

§ 266-2. Permit.

- A. The Police Chief is authorized to issue annual permits to store unlicensed motor vehicles upon a parcel of property.
- B. A written permit to store an unlicensed motor vehicle shall be issued upon proper application having been made, and only after the applicant if deemed necessary has met all the requirements, as to the type of enclosure or shielding.
- C. Any application for an "Unlicensed Motor Vehicle Storage Permit" shall be acted within 60 days after it was filed with the Police Chief.
- D. If the permit is issued, such permit shall be issued for a period of one year.
- E. Inspection of an enclosure facility may be executed each year before the Police Chief acts on the next year's permit.

§ 266-3. Violations and penalties. [Added at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II)]

Violations of this chapter shall be subject to the penalty provided in Chapter 1, General Provisions, § 1-5, General penalty.

§ 266-4. Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. If not defined herein, the word, term or phrase shall have the definition commonly accepted including a relevant definition contained in the Wisconsin Statutes. When not inconsistent with the context, the words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory:

NONINHABITABLE — Not having working septic systems, wells, and heating units so as to be used for living quarters or damaged beyond repair.

OCCUPANT — Any person occupying or having use of a building, structure, premises of any part thereof.

OWNER — Includes the plural as well as the singular and may mean either a natural person, firm, association, partnership, private corporation, public or quasi-public corporation, or combination of these who shall hold title to a building, structure or property, or who shall be in actual possession of, or have charge, or control of building, structure, or property as agent of the title holder, or who shall be trustee or guardian of the estate or person of the title holder.

TOWN — The Town of Rome, Adams County, Wisconsin, or any duly appointed designate thereof, including, but not limited to, the Town Board and Town committees.

TOWN BOARD or BOARD — The present governing body of the Town or any successors to the legislative power of said body, or any duly appointed designate thereof.

VEHICLE — A motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer or mobile home, whether or not such vehicle is registered under Wisconsin Law.