

ORDINANCE #97

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE SS. 3.08(1)(r), 3.085, AND 19.035 AND AMEND 19.03 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN RELATING TO THE CONCEALED OR OPEN CARRY OF WEAPONS OR FIREARMS

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of La Crosse does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 3.08(1)(r) of the County Code is created to read:

(r) Violation of county ordinances or policies governing the open or concealed carry of a firearm or weapon.

Section 2. Section 3.085 of the County Code is created to read:

3.085 Prohibition on open or concealed carry of weapons or firearms by employees.

(1) County employees are prohibited from the open carry or concealed carry of weapons or firearms in the course of the employee's employment or during any part of the employee's employment.

(2) The prohibition under par. (1) does not apply to the following:

(a) A person who is a law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his or her official duties.

(b) An employee who carries a concealed weapon and/or ammunition or stores a weapon and/or ammunition in the employee's own motor vehicle, regardless of whether the motor vehicle is used in the course of employment or whether the motor vehicle is driven or parked on property used by the County.

Section 3. The title to Chapter 19 is amended to read: "County Parks, Buildings and Grounds".

Section 4. Section 19.03(1) of the County Code is amended to read as follows:

19.03 Firearms, Hunting, Target Practice, and Deer Feeding in County Parks.

(1) A person who complies with state law regarding the possession of firearms may have in his or her possession or under his/her control a firearm in County Parks unless there is a special event as defined by Wis. Stat. s. 943(1e)(h) and the person has been notified not to enter or remain at the special event in the County Park while carrying a firearm.

Section 5. Section 19.035 of the County Code is created to read:

19.035 Firearms or Weapons Prohibited in County Buildings.

(1) No person carrying a firearm or weapon as defined by state law shall enter any building owned, operated, or controlled by La Crosse County where the building is posted in accordance with state law by the Facilities Director and/or his or her designee that the person shall not enter or remain in the building while carrying a firearm.

(2) The prohibition under par. (1) does not apply to any of the following:

(a) A law enforcement officer

(b) A weapon in a courthouse or courtroom if a judge who is a licensee as defined in Wis. Stat. s. 175.60(1)(d) is carrying the weapon or if another licensee, whom a judge has permitted in writing to carry a weapon, is carrying the weapon.

(c) A weapon in a courthouse or courtroom if a district attorney, or an assistant district attorney, who is a licensee as defined in Wis. Stat. s. 175.60(1)(d) is carrying the weapon.

(3) It is unlawful for person carrying a firearm or weapon except a law enforcement officer to enter or remain at any special event on land owned by La Crosse County where the organizers of the special event have notified the person not to enter or remain at the special event while carrying a firearm. This provision does not apply if the firearm or weapon is in a vehicle driven or parked in the parking facility to any part of the special event grounds used as a parking facility.

(4) All buildings and land affected by this ordinance shall be posted by the Facilities Director or by a person designated by the Facilities Director with signs that are at least 5 inches by 7 inches that notify a person that firearms or weapons in said building or on said property are prohibited.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect on November 1, 2011 after passage and publication as required by law.

LA CROSSE COUNTY

By: _____
Tara Johnson, County Board Chair

By: _____
Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk

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