

City of Stoughton  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-\_\_\_\_\_**

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 6-1 and 50-3  
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON, WISCONSIN

The Common Council of the City of Stoughton do ordain as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 6-1 of the Municipal Code of the City of Stoughton, Wisconsin is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 6-1. - Trapping prohibited; exceptions.**

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), in the interest of public health and safety, it shall be unlawful for any person to set, place or tend a trap within the city limits for the purpose of trapping, killing, catching, wounding, worrying or molesting any animal, except by the use of live traps. Live traps shall be defined as those traps that capture, hold and release an animal in an alive and unharmed condition. This section shall prohibit the use of all traps other than live traps as described in this section, including, but not limited to, traps commonly known as leg traps, pan-type traps and other traps designed to kill, wound or close upon a portion of the body of an animal. All live traps set, placed or tended shall comply with the provisions of Wis. Stat. Chapter 29 as they relate to trapping. Wis. Stat. Chapter 29 is incorporated by reference in this section.

(b) The prohibition set forth in subsection (a) shall not apply to:

(1) Trapping within the confines of buildings or homes.

(2) Any federal, state or local government official who sets traps as part of any act within the scope of employment.

(3) Trapping allowed according to applicable state regulations on lands acquired using State of Wisconsin Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program funds, once a permit is obtained from the city. The form of the permit and fee charged to obtain the permit shall be established by the City \_\_\_\_\_ Committee, and may be amended from time to time.

**Section 2.** Section 50-3(b) and (c) of the Municipal Code of the City of Stoughton, Wisconsin is amended to read as follows

(b) *Discharging firearms.*

(1) Except as provided in subsection (3), no person shall fire or discharge any gun, pistol or rifle within the city except when necessary to protect his person or property and except a police officer when in the lawful discharge of his duty. Firing or discharging any gun, pistol or rifle will include, but not be limited to,

such use of a firearm, pump airgun, CO2 gun or zip gun. This section shall not be applicable to any shooting gallery conducted under a license nor to military funerals.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3), no person shall shoot, shoot at, pursue, take, catch or kill any game birds, as the term is defined by Wis. Stat. § 29.001(39).

(3) On lands acquired using State of Wisconsin Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program funds and once a city permit is obtained, use of archery equipment and guns for hunting and trapping is allowed according to applicable state regulations. Rifles larger than .22 caliber are prohibited. The form of the permit and fee charged to obtain the permit shall be established by the City \_\_\_\_\_ Committee, and may be amended from time to time.

(c) *Throwing or shooting of arrows, stones and other missiles prohibited.* Except as provided in subsection (b)(3), no person shall throw or shoot any object, arrow, stone, snowball or other missile, by hand or by any other means at any person or at, in or into any building, street, sidewalk, alley, highway, park, playground, vehicle or other public place within the city, provided the chief of police may grant a permit for archery for a period of not more than one year.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Common Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2013.

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By Donna Olson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Maria Hougan, Deputy City Clerk

*Vote: Yes - No – Publication: //2013*