

TOWN OF HILES WILDLIFE ORDINANCE

The Town Board of the Town of Hiles, Forest County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Section I: Public Nuisance Declared

The Town Board of the Town of Hiles finds as a fact, after public hearing, the presence of wildlife decoys is inconsistent with the natural scenery and beauty of the roadside environment. All wildlife decoys in plain view from town roads are a distraction to motorists to the extent of absorbing their attention while driving and therefore a potential contributing factor to unsafe driving and accidents. The Town Board further finds this distraction caused by wildlife decoys represents a serious potential danger to the health and safety of motorists and other users of town roads of the Town of Hiles. The Town Board of Hiles in the interest of public safety does hereby declare all wildlife decoys within plain view from town roads of the Town of Hiles to be a public nuisance.

Section II: Nuisances Prohibited

No person, firm or corporation shall place or cause to be placed within plain view from any town road in the Town of Hiles a wildlife decoy without having first obtained a permit from the Town Board of Hiles under this ordinance.

Section III: Fees

There is no application fee or permit fee for a permit under this ordinance. A separate permit is required for each wildlife decoy.

Section IV: Application for Permit

Application for a permit to place a wildlife decoy within plain view from a town road in the Town of Hiles shall be made in writing to the Town Board. The application shall state:

- (a) The name and address of the applicant.
- (b) The legal description of the location of the proposed wildlife decoy and written authorization of the property owner.
- (c) The length of time the applicant intends on placing the wildlife decoy.
- (d) A description of the wildlife decoy.

Section V: Granting of Permit

All applications for permits will be considered by the Town Board at its regularly scheduled meetings. Permits shall be granted or denied only by the Town Board.

Section VI: Revocation of Permit

The Town Board may revoke any permit issued hereunder for cause upon thirty (30) days notice

to the applicant and an opportunity to be heard at a regular Town Board meeting.

Section VII: Severability and Conflict

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

Section VIII: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication, as required by law.

Passed by the Town Board of the Town of Hiles, Wisconsin, this 8th day of August, 1995.

William Dixon, Chair
Michael Votis, Supervisor
John Chaney, Supervisor

ATTEST: Cathleen Votis, Town Clerk