

AMENDING CHAPTER 53 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES,
LIMITING THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR TRAPPING

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Dane does ordain as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, all references to section and chapter numbers are to those of the Dane County Code of Ordinances.

ARTICLE 2. Subsection 53.02(1)(p) is amended and (1)(q) is created to read as follows:

53.02 PERMITS.

(1) Written permits shall be required for any of the following and must be purchased prior to use:

(p) For any hunting activity or event as allowed by sec. 53.03(2).

(q) For trapping by the public in areas where such activity is required by Wis. Stat. ss. 23.0916.

ARTICLE 3. Section 53.03(2)(b) is amended and (2)(c) and (d) are created to read as follows:

53.03 PROHIBITED ITEMS OR USES. In addition to activities otherwise prohibited by law, the following shall be prohibited unless specifically authorized by written permit:

(2) (a) No person may take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, disturb or pursue any wild animal or bird, discharge any firearm, or have in his or her possession or under his or her control any firearm or air gun as defined in s. 932.22, Wis. Stats., unless it is unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case, or any bow, slingshot or spring-loaded device designed for shooting a projectile unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case while in any park except in connection with a hunting activity or event where specifically allowed by written permit issued by the parks director or designee, and then only in strict conformity with the conditions stated in the written permit, or as authorized by sub. (b);

(b) The park commission may designate lands under their jurisdiction as a wildlife area which shall be open to hunting and fishing in the same manner as a State Wildlife Area consistent with Wis. Admin. Code Ch. NR 45, and open to trapping by the public only if Wis. Stats. ss. 23.0916 requires such activity. The commission may adopt additional or revised rules and policies for land designated as a wildlife area pursuant to sec. 53.11. A violation of Wis. Admin. Code Ch. 45, or such additional rules adopted by the commission on land designated as a wildlife area, is a violation under this section. The commission shall have the authority to amend a wildlife area designation.

(c) Effective October 1, 2013, any wildlife area, other than the Door Creek Wetlands South Unit wildlife area, that had been open to trapping by the public will be closed to such activity unless Wis. Stat. ss. 23.0916 requires it.

(d) Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the parks director from authorizing the use of any control method for the management of nuisance wildlife when necessary at any park.