

Ordinance O4-2-26

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9: CRIMINAL CODE, ARTICLE 1: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES, SECTION 2: POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS.

WHEREAS, Chapter 9 – Criminal Offenses, Article 1 – Miscellaneous Offenses, Section 2: Possession of Dangerous Weapons, is being amended as the existing ordinance is outdated, and;

WHEREAS, the Village of Ashwaubenon desires to adopt updated provisions to better serve the public interest;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF
ASHWAUBENON:**

The following section of the Village of Ashwaubenon Municipal Code, is hereby amended to read:

Chapter 9 – Criminal Offenses, Article 1 – Miscellaneous Offices, Section 2: Possession of Dangerous Weapons.

Section 2: Possession of Dangerous Weapons

(A) **Definitions.** The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- (1) *Firearm* means a weapon that acts by force of gunpowder.
- (2) *Law Enforcement* means any person employed by the State of Wisconsin or any political subdivision of this state, for the purpose of detecting and preventing crime and enforcing laws or ordinances and who is authorized to make arrests for violations of the laws or ordinances he or she is employed to enforce.
- (3) *Weapon* means a handgun, an electronic weapon as defined at Wis. Stat. § 941.295, a knife other than a switchblade under Wis. Stats. § 941.24, or a billy club.

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(B) *Village Municipal Buildings in Which Prohibited.* In addition to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 175.60 enumerating places where the carrying of a weapon or a firearm is prohibited, including exceptions thereto, it shall be unlawful for any person other than a law enforcement officer to enter the following municipal buildings while carrying a weapon or a firearm:

- (1) Village Hall.
- (2) Ponderosa Fire Station.
- (3) Klipstine Park Community Center.
- (4) Ashwaubomay Park Pool House.
- (5) All Village well/pump stations.
- (6) Municipal Garage.
- (7) Enclosed Village Park Concession Stands.
- (8) Ashwaubenon Historical Society.

(C) *Signage.* Signs meeting the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 943.13(2)(bm)1 shall be posted in prominent places near all entrances of such municipal buildings regarding such restrictions.

(D) *Trespasser.* Any person who enters or remains in any aforementioned municipal building contrary to such signage shall be considered a trespasser subject to penalty as proscribed under section 9-40 of this Code.

(E) *Discharge of Firearms Within the Village Limits.* No person, unless authorized by the Chief of Public Safety shall discharge, or cause to be discharged, any firearm within the village limits as defined in this section. This section shall not apply to authorized police officers, the use of blank cartridges for circus events, theatrical purposes, signal purposes in athletic contests, sporting events, police or military organizations.

(F) *Weapons Other than Firearms.* No person shall carry or have under his control in any public

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place any rifle, pellet gun, BB gun, airsoft gun, paintball gun, gel blaster, slingshot or other weapon or device other than a firearm, as defined above, that projects any type of missile or projectile, including but not limited to pellets, BBs, paintballs, gel beads, or similar objections, by means of air pressure, gas pressure, spring action, or other force, while such weapon is loaded or uncased or uncovered.

(G) *Discharge prohibited.* No person shall discharge, or cause to be discharged, any weapon as defined herein within the village limits as defined in this section.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

This ordinance was adopted by the Village of Ashwaubenon Board of Trustees on the ___ day of _____, 2026.

VILLAGE OF ASHWAUBENON, WISCONSIN

By: _____
Mary Kardoskee, Village President

ATTEST:

Wendy Helgeson, Village Clerk

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Motion to Approve/Deny Ordinance No. O4-2-26 made by:

Votes:

Title	Name	Aye	Nay	Other
Trustee (Wards 1 & 2)	K. Servais			
Trustee (Wards 3 & 4)	G. Paul			
Trustee (Wards 5 & 6)	C. Zirbel			
Trustee (Wards 7 & 8)	C. Atkinson			
Trustee (Wards 9 & 10)	J. Krueger			
Trustee (Wards 11 & 12)	C. Telford			
President	M. Kardoskee			

Date of Publication: