

1 AMENDING CHAPTER 53 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES,  
2 REGARDING POSSESSION OF WEAPONS IN COUNTY PARKS  
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4 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Dane does ordain as follows:  
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6 ARTICLE 1. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, all references to section  
7 and chapter numbers are to those of the Dane County Code of Ordinances.  
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9 ARTICLE 2. Section 53.03(2)(a) is amended to read as follows:

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

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

28 **(c)** Except as authorized by Wis. Stat. s. 175.60, no person may have in his or  
29 her possession or under his or her control any firearm, or airgun as defined by  
30 Wis. Stat. s. 939.22(2), unless it is unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case; or  
31 any bow, slingshot or spring loaded device designed for shooting a projectile  
32 unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case while in any park  
33 except in connection with a hunting or shooting activity specifically authorized  
34 under this ordinance.  
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37 *[EXPLANATION: This amendment clarifies when a weapon may be possessed in*  
38 *a park.]*  
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