AMENDING CHAPTER 53 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE 1 OF ORDINANCES, REGARDING POSSESSION OF WEAPONS IN COUNTY PARKS

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. Section 53.03(2)(a) is amended to read as follows:

(2) (a) No person may take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, disturb or pursue any wild animal or bird, or discharge any firearm, 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. Stat. § 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) Except as authorized by Wis. Stat. s. 175.60, no person may have in his or her possession or under his or her control any firearm, or airgun as defined by Wis. Stat. s. 939.22(2), unless it is unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case; or any bow, slingshot or spring loaded device designed for shooting a projectile and capable of lethal force unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case while in any park except in connection with a hunting or shooting activity specifically authorized under this ordinance.