

Chapter 350

PEACE AND GOOD ORDER

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of La Pointe as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Alarm systems — See Ch. 188.

Animals — See Ch. 192.

Noise — See Ch. 336.

ARTICLE I

General Regulations

[Adopted 1-14-1988 by Ord. No. 101]

§ 350-1. Obstructing streets and sidewalks.

No person shall stand, sit, loaf or engage in any sport or exercise on any public street, sidewalk, bridge, or public ground within the Town in such manner as to prevent or obstruct the free passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic thereon or to prevent or hinder free ingress and egress to or from any place of business or amusement, church, public hall or meeting place.

§ 350-2. Littering.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person being or residing within the limits of the Town to dispose, throw or place any garbage, offal, dead animals or other deleterious matter in any park, alley, street or public place within the Town, and it shall be unlawful for any person to place any garbage, offal, dead animals or other refuse matter upon any private property, either owned by such person or not, unless the same shall be enclosed in proper containers.
- B. No person shall throw or scatter any trash, refuse or other waste, or cause the same to be thrown or scattered, in any street or public place. All loose papers, rags, and other waste material of such kind as to be subject to being blown about by the wind or otherwise scattered must be hauled in such manner as not to litter the streets.

§ 350-3. Disorderly conduct.

- A. Disorderly conduct prohibited. Whoever does any of the following shall be guilty of an offense:
 - (1) In a public or private place, engages in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud, or otherwise disorderly conduct under circumstances in which such conduct tends to cause or provoke a disturbance.
 - (2) Intentionally engages in fighting or in violent, threatening or tumultuous behavior or who addresses abusive language or threats to any other person to the extent that it

creates a clear and present danger of violence or in the presence of others encourages others to create a disturbance of public order or encourage acts likely to produce violence or create a disturbance of public order or who causes the likelihood of harm or serious inconvenience by failing to obey a lawful order of dispersal by a law enforcement officer, where three or more persons are committing acts of disorderly conduct in the immediate vicinity.

- (3) Intentionally damages, befouls or disturbs public property or the property of another so as to create a hazardous, unhealthy, or physically offensive condition.
 - (4) Intentionally commits a trespass on residential property or on public property.
- B. False fire alarms prohibited. No person shall give or send or cause to be given or sent in any manner any alarm of fire which he knows to be false.
- C. Obedience to officers. No person shall, without reasonable cause or justification, resist or in any way interfere with any law enforcement officer while such officer is doing any act in his official capacity and with lawful authority.
- D. Indecent conduct and language prohibited. No person shall use any indecent, vile, profane, or obscene language or conduct himself in any indecent, lewd, lascivious or obscene manner within the Town.
- E. Disorderly conduct with a motor vehicle. No person shall, within the Town, on public or private property, by or through the use of a motor vehicle, motorcycle, snowmobile or minibike, under circumstances which tend to cause or provoke a disturbance or annoy one or more persons, engage in violent, abusive, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct, including but not limited to unnecessary or deliberate or intentional spinning of wheels, squealing of tires, revving of engine, blowing of horns, causing the engine to backfire or causing the vehicle while commencing to move or while in motion to raise one or more of its wheels off the ground.
- F. Carrying handgun in public buildings.
- (1) No person shall carry, transport or bring any handgun as defined herein upon any premises within which the sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages takes place or within any store in which groceries or other edibles are sold.
 - (2) The term "handgun" as used herein includes any weapon designed or redesigned or made or remade and intended to be fired while held in one hand and to use the energy of an explosive to expel a projectile through a smooth or rifled bore.
 - (3) The following shall be exceptions to Subsection F(1). Subsection F(1) shall not apply to:
 - (a) Any person who keeps or carries any handgun upon premises owned by said person or to any duly authorized employee of said person.
 - (b) Any person who brings a handgun upon a premises in which handguns are sold, traded or serviced, provided that said handgun is brought upon the premises for purposes related to the sale, trade or servicing of said handgun;

- (c) Peace officers, members of the armed forces or military personnel who go armed in the line of duty or to any person duly authorized by the Sheriff or Chief of Police to possess a firearm in any premises described in Subsection F(1).

§ 350-4. Malicious mischief. ¹

No person shall, within the Town, wilfully, maliciously or wantonly break the glass of any streetlamp, window or skylight or extinguish any lamp; or destroy, remove, thrown down or injure any fence or other enclosure on land belonging to or occupied by another or interfere with any gate or bars in any such enclosure; or destroy, injure or carry away any tree or plant; or tear down, mutilate, deface or injure any building, signboard, fence or railing, being the property of another; or wilfully, maliciously or wantonly injure, destroy or remove any ornamental or useful tree or plant on wharves, docks, or other public grounds, public places and public buildings, places of amusement and entertainment, vacant lots or other unsupervised places at any time.

§ 350-5. Trespassing on school grounds.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to trespass upon any property used for school purposes.
- B. "Trespass" is defined as entering, being upon or remaining on any property used for school purposes after having been notified not to do so by any school principal, administrator or teacher or any law enforcement officer.
- C. A person has received notice from any of the individuals listed in Subsection B above if said person has been notified personally, either orally or in writing.

§ 350-6. Lewdness.

Whoever does any of the following acts in public shall be guilty of an offense:

- A. Commits an indecent act of sexual gratification, alone or with another, with knowledge that he is in the presence of others.
- B. Publicly or indecently exposes a sex organ, buttocks, or, in the case of a woman, her breasts.

§ 350-7. Shoplifting.

The provisions of § 943.50, Wis. Stats., in its present form and all future amendments pertaining to shoplifting exclusive of the penalties provided in said statute are adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

§ 350-8. Spitting in public places.

It shall be unlawful for any person to spit or emit any spittle or to discharge or throw any mucus or other secretion from or contents of the mouth or nose or any cigarette or cigar stub, tobacco quid, fruit peeling or other waste substance on any public floor, stairway, sidewalk, platform or

1. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. III).

other public place or conveyance in the Town, and such practice is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and an offense against decency and public morality.

§ 350-9. Alcohol beverages.

The provisions of § 125.07, Wis. Stats., in its present form and all future amendments pertaining to underage and intoxicated persons, presence on licensed premises and possession, exclusive of the penalties provided in said statute are adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

§ 350-10. Controlled substances.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have possession of, use or consume any controlled substance within the Town. "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance or immediate precursor as defined in Ch. 961, Wis. Stats., the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

§ 350-11. Curfew.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of 18 years to loiter, idle, wander, stroll or play in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, playgrounds, wharves, docks, or other public grounds, public places and public buildings, places of amusement and entertainment, vacant lots or other unsupervised places between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. of the following day. During that time when daylight saving time is in effect, the hours provided in this subsection shall be extended one hour.
- B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a minor accompanied by his parent, guardian, or other adult person having the care and custody of the minor, or where the minor is upon an emergency errand or legitimate business directed by his or her parent, guardian, or other adult person having the care and custody of the minor.
- C. It shall be unlawful for the parent, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of a child under the age of 18 years to knowingly permit the child to loiter, idle, wander, stroll, or play in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, playgrounds, wharves, docks, or other public grounds, public places and public buildings, places of amusement and entertainment, vacant lots or other unsupervised places between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. of the following day. During that time when daylight saving time is in effect, the hours provided in this subsection shall be extended one hour.

§ 350-12. Reckless use of weapons.

The provisions of § 941.20(1), Wis. Stats., in its present form and all future amendments pertaining to reckless use of weapons, exclusive of the penalties provided in said statute, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

§ 350-13. Possession of dangerous weapon by minor.²

The provisions of § 948.60, Wis. Stats., in its present form and all future amendments pertaining

2. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. III).

to possession of a dangerous weapon by a person under 18, exclusive of the penalties provided in said statute, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

§ 350-14. Carrying concealed weapon.

The provisions of § 941.23, Wis. Stats., in its present form and all future amendments pertaining to carrying a concealed weapon, exclusive of the penalties provided in said statute, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

§ 350-15. Possession of switchblade knife.

The provisions of § 941.24, Wis. Stats., in its present form and all future amendments pertaining to possession of a switchblade knife, exclusive of the penalties provided in said statute, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

§ 350-16. Entry into locked vehicle.

The provisions of § 943.11, Wis. Stats., in its present form and all future amendments pertaining to entry into a locked vehicle, exclusive of the penalties provided in said statute, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

§ 350-17. Criminal trespass to land.

The provisions of § 943.13(1m), Wis. Stats., in its present form and all future amendments pertaining to criminal trespass to land, exclusive of the penalties provided in said statute, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

§ 350-18. Criminal trespass to dwellings.

The provisions of § 943.14, Wis. Stats., in its present form and all future amendments pertaining to criminal trespass to dwellings, exclusive of the penalties provided in said statute, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

§ 350-19. Theft.

The provisions of § 943.20 [Subsection (1)(a) only] in its present form and all future amendments pertaining to theft, exclusive of the penalties provided in said statute, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

§ 350-20. Fraud on hotel or restaurant keeper.

The provision of § 943.21, Wis. Stats., in its present form and all future amendments pertaining to fraud on a hotel or restaurant keeper, exclusive of the penalties provided in said statute, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

§ 350-21. Operating vehicle without owner's consent.

The provisions of § 943.23(2), Wis. Stats., in its present form and all future amendments pertaining to operating a vehicle without the owner's consent, exclusive of the penalties provided

in said statute, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

§ 350-22. Issue of worthless check.

The provisions of § 943.24(1), Wis. Stats., in its present form and all future amendments pertaining to issue of worthless check, exclusive of the penalties provided in said statute, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

§ 350-23. Receiving stolen property.

The provisions of § 943.34(1), Wis. Stats., in its present form and all future amendments pertaining to receiving stolen property, exclusive of the penalties provided in said statute, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

§ 350-24. Contributing to the delinquency of children.

The provisions of § 948.40, Wis. Stats., in its present form and all future amendments pertaining to contributing to the delinquency of children, exclusive of the penalties provided in said statute, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

§ 350-25. Violations and penalties.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished as follows:

- A. He shall forfeit not less than \$25 nor more than \$500 plus the costs of prosecution as well as applicable court costs, assessments and fees and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs of prosecution shall be imprisoned in the county jail until the forfeiture and costs of prosecution are paid, but not exceeding 10 days; provided, however, that for children 14 or older who shall be found violating the provisions of said article said child shall be dealt with according to the provisions of § 938.17(2), Wis. Stats.
- B. In addition to any penalty imposed for violation of this article, any person who shall cause physical damage to or destroy any public property shall be liable for the costs of replacing or repairing such damaged or destroyed property. The parent or parents of any unemancipated minor child who violates this article may also be held liable for the costs of replacing or repairing the damaged or destroyed property in accordance with § 895.035, Wis. Stats.

ARTICLE II
Hunting and Firearms
[Adopted 1-14-1988 by Ord. No. 109]

§ 350-26. Prohibited acts.

No person shall, at any time, hunt with any weapon in the area described in this article. No person shall, at any time, discharge any weapon in the area described in this article.

§ 350-27. Area regulated.

The area in which no hunting shall occur and the area in which no discharge of weapons shall occur is as follows: all land on Madeline Island in the Town of La Pointe west of the following described line: commencing at the shore of Lake Superior due north of the northwest corner of Section 29, Township 50 North, Range 3 West, Ashland County; thence proceed due south to the northwest corner of said Section 29; thence proceed due south on the section line between Sections 29 and 30, Township 50 North, Range 3 West, to the southwest corner of said Section 29; thence proceed south to the northern boundary line of Mondamin Trail; thence follow and proceed along Mondamin Trail until Mondamin Trail intersects with the north boundary line of South Shore Drive; thence proceed due south from this point to the shore of Lake Superior, this area to include all of Mondamin Trail.

§ 350-28. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

WEAPON — Includes any firearm, bow and arrow, compound bow, and crossbow and any item designed or redesigned or made or remade and intended to operate using the energy of an explosive to expel a projectile through a smooth rifle bore.

§ 350-29. Presumptions.

Any person who goes armed with a loaded firearm or possesses a loaded firearm in the area herein described is rebuttably presumed to be hunting.

§ 350-30. Exceptions.

This article shall not apply to peace officers, conservation wardens, members of the armed forces, military persons who go armed in the line of duty or any other individual authorized by the Sheriff or Chief of Police to go armed.

ARTICLE III
Firearms in Public Buildings
[Adopted 1-10-2012 by Ord. No. 2012-01]

§ 350-31. Prohibited acts.

Pursuant to § 943.13(1m)(c)4., Wis. Stats., no person shall enter or remain in any part of a building owned, occupied or controlled by the state or local governmental unit if the state or local governmental unit has notified the person not to enter or remain in the building while carrying a firearm or a specific type of firearm.

§ 350-32. Signs to be erected.

The Town Board shall cause signs to be erected at all entrances to all buildings owned, occupied or under control by the Town of La Pointe providing notice that no person is to enter or remain in any such building while carrying a firearm. Such signs shall be five inches by seven inches or larger.

§ 350-33. Exceptions.

- A. Nothing in this article shall be construed to apply to prohibit a peace officer or armed forces or military personnel armed in the line of duty or any person duly authorized by the Chief of Police to possess a firearm in any public building. Notwithstanding § 939.22(22), Wis. Stats., for purposes of this article, "peace officer" does not include a commission warden who is not a state-certified commission warden.
- B. Nothing in this article shall be construed to authorize the carrying of any firearm or dangerous weapon contrary to § 941.23 or 941.235, Wis. Stats.

§ 350-34. Enforcement.

The La Pointe Police Department shall have the authority to take appropriate enforcement action pursuant to Ch. 943, Wis. Stats.

§ 350-35. Violations and penalties.

Violation of this article will result in a forfeiture amount not to exceed \$500.

ARTICLE IV
Firearms in Town Vehicles
[Adopted 6-26-2012 by Ord. No. 2012-04]

§ 350-36. Prohibitions.

No person shall enter or remain in an ambulance, squad car or other motor vehicle owned, occupied or controlled by the Town of La Pointe while possessing or carrying a handgun, other firearm or dangerous weapon.

§ 350-37. Exception.

This article shall not apply to a "peace officer," as that term is defined in § 939.22(22), Wis. Stats.

§ 350-38. Enforcement.

This article may be enforced by any peace officer.

§ 350-39. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating this article shall be required to forfeit not more than \$500 plus the applicable court costs and assessments.