



Price County

Forestry and Parks Department

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-01

Tree Stands, Elevated Devices and Ground Blinds on County Land

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Price Do Ordain as Follows:

SECTION 1 ELEVATED PLATFORMS AND PORTABLE TREE STANDS

- a) The construction or use of any permanently elevated platform, commonly referred to as a permanent tree stand, on Price County Forest land is prohibited.
- b) Screws, nails, lag screws, screw steps, spikes, or other similar devices are damaging to trees, therefore they are prohibited for use in trees on Price County Forest land.
- c) Portable tree stands may be used on Price County Forest land providing that they do not damage trees. Portable tree stands can be placed on Price County Forest land not more than one (1) week prior to the opening day of Wisconsin's first big game hunting season, and must be completely removed no later than one (1) week after the closing date of Wisconsin's last deer season the following year. The WDNR Customer ID Number must be attached to the stand at eye level to a person standing on the ground.
- d) Elevated platforms and portable tree stands found in violation of this ordinance will be removed by forestry department employees. A person found in violation of any portion of the aforementioned ordinance is subject to a citation and monetary forfeiture.

SECTION 2 GROUND BLINDS

A ground blind means a structure, enclosure, or any material, natural or manufactured, placed on the ground to assist in concealing or disguising the user or occupant for the purpose of taking game. DNR regulations regarding blaze orange material for ground blinds on DNR managed lands, apply on County Forest land. See current DNR Hunting Regulations pamphlet for details. The following types of ground blinds are legal on Price County Forest Land:

- a) Dead Natural Material Ground Blind: These blinds must be completely made of materials natural to the area such as dead leaves, branches, bark or naturally fallen trees. Screws, screw steps, metal spikes, wire, nylon rope, or other non-biodegradable materials may not be used to fasten materials together or to trees.
- b) Portable Manufactured Ground Blinds: These blinds must be clearly portable. These blinds can be placed on Price County Forest land 1 week prior to the opening day of Wisconsin's first big game hunting season, and must be completely removed no later than 1 week after the closing date of Wisconsin's last deer season the following year. Fasteners, if used to anchor or attach the blind, cannot damage any living trees and must be removed with blind. The WDNR Customer ID Number must be attached to the blind.
- c) Portable Manufactured Ground Blinds found in violation of this ordinance will be removed by forestry department employees. A person found in violation of any portion of the aforementioned ordinance is subject to a citation and monetary forfeiture.

SECTION 3 TRAIL CAMERAS

Trail Cameras may be used year round, so long as no damage is done to trees.

SECTION 4 APPLICABILITY

The above-described prohibition shall apply to all lands owned or controlled by Price County.

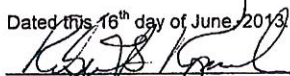
SECTION 5 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Whoever violates any of the terms of this ordinance will be subject to a citation and shall incur a forfeiture of not less than \$200.00 plus court costs and any applicable penalty assessments, including, but not limited to, restitution for damages and stand removal expenses.

CONFLICTING ORDINANCES REPEALED. All ordinances and parts of ordinances that conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The County Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published once in the official newspaper of the County. This ordinance shall take effect on the day after publication.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2013


Robert Kopisch, County Board Chair


Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

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