

CHAPTER 38

SEXUAL OFFENDER RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

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38.01 PURPOSE

The City finds and declares that sex offenders are a serious threat to public safety. When convicted sex offenders reenter society, they are likely to be re-arrested for a new rape or sexual assault. Given the high rate of recidivism for sexual offenders and that reducing opportunity and temptation is important to minimizing the risk of reoffense, there is a need to protect children where they congregate or play in public places, in addition to the protections afforded by state law, near schools, day-care centers and other places children frequent. The City finds and declares that in addition to schools, day-care centers, and public parks; children congregate at movie theaters, swimming pools, athletic fields, libraries and recreational clubs and academies.

38.02 DEFINITIONS

- (1) “Sexually violent offense” shall have the meaning as set forth in Wis. Stat. §980.01(6), as amended from time to time.
- (2) “Crime against children” shall mean any of the following offenses set forth within the Wisconsin Statutes, as amended, or the laws of this or any other state or the federal government, having like elements necessary for the conviction, respectively;
 - §940.225(1) First Degree Sexual Assault;
 - §940.225(2) Second Degree Sexual Assault;
 - §940.225(3) Third Degree Sexual Assault;
 - §940.22(2) Sexual Exploitation by Therapist;
 - §940.30 False Imprisonment - victim was minor and not the offender’s child;
 - §940.31 Kidnapping - victim was minor and not the offender’s child;
 - §944.01 Rape (prior statute);
 - §944.06 Incest;
 - §944.10 Sexual Intercourse with a Child (prior statute);
 - §944.11 Indecent Behavior with a Child (prior statute);
 - §944.12 Enticing Child for Immoral Purposes (prior statute);
 - §948.02(1) First Degree Sexual Assault of a Child;
 - §948.02(2) Second Degree Sexual Assault of a Child;
 - §948.05 Sexual Exploitation of a Child;
 - §948.055 Causing a Child to View or Listen to Sexual Activity;
 - §948.06 Incest with a Child;
 - §948.07 Child Enticement;
 - §948.08 Soliciting a Child for Prostitution;
 - §948.095 Sexual Assault of a Student by School Instructional Staff;
 - §948.11(2)(a) or (am) Exposing Child to Harmful Material - felony sections;
 - §948.12 Possession of Child Pornography;
 - §948.13 Convicted Child Sex Offender Working with Children;
 - §948.30 Abduction of Another’s Child;
 - §971.17 Not Guilty by Reason of Mental Disease of an included offense; and
 - §975.06 Sex Crimes Law Commitment.
- (3) “Person” means a person who has been convicted of or has been found delinquent of or has been found not guilty by reason of disease or mental defect of a sexually violent offense and/or crime against children.
- (4) “Residence” means the place where a person sleeps, which may include more than one location, and may be mobile or transitory.

38.03 RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS

- (1) A person shall not reside within fifteen hundred feet of the real property comprising any of the following:
 - (A) Any facility for children (which means a public or private school, a group home, as defined in Wis. Stat. §48.02(7), a residential care center for children and youth, as defined in Wis. Stat. §48.02(15d), a shelter care facility, as defined in Wis. Stat. §48.02(6), a treatment foster home, as defined in Wis. Stat. §48.02(17q), a day care center licensed under Wis. Stat. §48.65, a day care program established under Wis. Stat. §120.13(14), a day care provider certified under Wis. Stat. §48.651(m) or a youth center, as defined in Wis. Stat. §961.01(22); and/or
 - (B) Any facility used for:
 1. a public park, parkway, parkland, park facility;
 2. a public library;
 3. a recreational trail;
 4. a public playground;
 5. a school for children;
 6. athletic fields used by children;
 7. a movie theater;
 8. a daycare center;
 9. any specialized school for children, including, but not limited to a gymnastics academy, dance academy or music school;
 10. a public or private golf course or range; and
 11. public swimming pool or other aquatic facilities open to the public.
- (2) The distance shall be measured from the closest boundary line of the real property supporting the residence of a person to the closest real property boundary line of the applicable above enumerated use(s). A map depicting the above enumerated uses and the resulting residency restriction distances, as amended from time to time, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk for public inspection.

38.04 RESIDENCY RESTRICTION EXCEPTIONS

- (1) A person residing within Fifteen Hundred (1,500) feet of the real property comprising any of the uses enumerated in §38.03 above, does not commit a violation of this Chapter if any of the following apply:
 - (A) The person is required to serve a sentence at a jail, prison, juvenile facility, or other correctional institution or facility.
 - (B) The person has established a residence prior to the effective date of this Chapter on December 20, 2007, which is within Fifteen Hundred (1,500) feet of any of the uses enumerated in §38.03 above, or such enumerated use is newly established after such effective date and it is located within such one thousand feet of a residence of a person which was established prior to the effective date of this Chapter.
 - (C) The person is a minor or ward under guardianship.

38.05 ORIGINAL DOMICILE RESTRICTION

In addition to and notwithstanding the foregoing, but subject to §38.04 above, no person and no individual who has been convicted of a sexually violent offense and/or a crime against children, shall be permitted to reside in the City of Reedsburg, unless such person was domiciled in the City of Reedsburg at the time of the offense resulting in the person's most recent conviction for committing the sexually violent offense and/or crime against children.

38.06 CHILD SAFETY ZONES

- (1) No person shall enter or be present upon any real property upon which there exists any facility used for or which supports a use of:
 - (A) a public park, parkway, parkland, park facility;
 - (B) a public library;
 - (C) a recreational trail;
 - (D) a public playground;
 - (E) a school for children;
 - (F) athletic fields used by children;
 - (G) a movie theater;
 - (H) a daycare center;
 - (I) any specialized school for children, including, but not limited to a gymnastics academy, dance academy or music school;
 - (J) a public or private golf course or range;
 - (K) public swimming pool or other aquatic facilities open to the public; and
 - (L) any facility for children (which means a public or private school, a group home, as defined in Wis. Stat. §48.02(7), a residential care center for children and youth, as defined in Wis. Stat. §48.02(15d), a shelter care facility, as defined in Wis. Stat. §48.02(6), a treatment foster home, as defined in Wis. Stat. §48.02(17q), a day care center licensed under Wis. Stat. §48.65, a day care program established under Wis. Stat. §120.13(14), a day care provider certified under Wis. Stat. §48.651(m) or a youth center, as defined in Wis. Stat. §961.01(22).
- (2) A map depicting the above enumerated uses and the resulting residency restriction distances, as amended from time to time, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk for public inspection.

38.07 CHILD SAFETY ZONE EXCEPTIONS

- (1) A person does not commit a violation of §38.06 above and the enumerated uses may allow such person on the property supporting such use if any of the following apply:
 - (A) The property supporting an enumerated use under §38.06 also supports a church, synagogue, mosque, temple or other house of religious worship (collectively "church"), subject to the following conditions:
 1. Entrance and presence upon the property occurs only during hours of worship or other religious program/service as posted to the public; and
 2. Written advance notice is made from the person to an individual in charge of the church and approval from an individual in charge of the church as designated by the church is made in return, of the attendance of by the person; and
 3. The person shall not participate in any religious education programs which include individuals under the age of 18.

38.07 Child Safety Zone Exceptions

- (B) The property supporting an enumerated use under §38.06 also supports a use lawfully attended by a person's natural or adopted child(ren), which child's use reasonably requires the attendance of the person as the child's parent upon the property, subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. Entrance and presence upon the property occurs only during the hours of actively related to the use as posted to the public; and
 - 2. Written advance notice is made from the person to an individual in charge of the use upon the property and approval from an individual in charge of the use upon the property as designated by the owner of the use upon the property is made in return, of the attendance by the person.
- (C) The property supporting an enumerated use under §38.06 also supports a polling location in a local, state or federal election, subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. The person is eligible to vote;
 - 2. The designated polling place for the person is an enumerated use; and
 - 3. The person enters the polling place property, proceeds to cast a ballot with whatever usual and customary assistance is provided to any member of the electorate; and the person vacates the property immediately after voting.
- (D) The property supporting an enumerated use under §38.06 also supports an elementary or secondary school lawfully attended by a person as a student, under which circumstances the person who is a student may enter upon that property supporting the school at which the person is enrolled, as is reasonably required for the educational purposes of the school.

38.08 VIOLATIONS - ENFORCEMENT - PENALTIES

If any person violates §38.02 above, by establishing a residence within one thousand five hundred feet of those premises as described herein, without any exception(s) as also set forth above, the City Attorney, upon referral from the Chief of Police and the written determination by the Chief of Police that upon all of the facts and circumstances and the Purpose of this Chapter, such residence occupancy presents an activity or use of property that interferes substantially with the comfortable enjoyment of life, health, safety of another or other, shall bring an action in the name of the City in the Circuit Court for Sauk County to permanently enjoin such residency as a public nuisance. If a person violates §38.06 above, in addition to the aforesaid injunctive relief, such person shall be subject to forfeiture of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$250.00 for each offense. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. In addition, the City may undertake all other legal and equitable remedies to prevent or remove a violation of this Chapter.