

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
TOWN OF EDGEWATER
Sawyer County**

SECTION 1 - TITLE/PURPOSE

The title of this ordinance is the Town of Edgewater Wildlife and Beaver Control Ordinance.

SECTION 2 - AUTHORITY

The Town Board of the Town of Edgewater has the specific authority, powers and duties pursuant to Wis. Stats. 29.885 pursuant to the specific statutory sections noted in this ordinance to regulate, prohibit and control certain activities and operations in the Town of Edgewater.

SECTION 3 - ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

The Town Board of the Town of Edgewater has, by adoption of this ordinance, confirmed the specific statutory authority, powers and duties noted in the specific sections of this ordinance and has established by these sections and this ordinance the certain areas and the regulations and controlling of certain activities in the Town of Edgewater.

SECTION 4 - DEFINITIONS

(A) "Damage" means harm to forests, streams, roads, buildings, crop lands, public and private property.

(B) "Removal activity" means removing or authorizing the removal of a wild animal that is causing damage or that is causing a nuisance or the removal of a structure of a wild animal that is causing damage or that is causing a nuisance.

(C) "Remove" means capture, shoot, set a trap for, relocate, or otherwise destroy or dispose of.

(D) "Private property holder" means an owner, lessee or occupant of private property.

(E) "Wild animal" means any undomesticated mammal, bird or reptile.

SECTION 5 - TOWN AUTHORITY

Upon notification of a wild animal that is causing damage or that is causing a nuisance, within 48 hours after the receipt of the complaint, the Town shall request consent from a private property holder to investigate the complaint and determine whether or not to authorize removal activity. The Town of Edgewater may remove or authorize the removal activity of any wild animal or structure of a wild animal that is causing damage or that is causing a nuisance to public property or any private property holder. Whenever any water course becomes obstructed on private property so that the natural flow of water is retarded, the Town has the authority to make recommendations in writing to the owner or occupant of the lands where the obstruction is located, for the removal of such obstruction. If such recommendations are not followed within six days, the Town Board shall order the removal activity of the obstruction. The cost of view and of removal shall be charged and assessed against the lands from which the obstruction was removed and shall be collected as other special assessments are collected.

SECTION 6 - OWNER LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE

A private property holder who fails to give consent to the Town of Edgewater for the removal activity of any wild animal or structure of that wild animal is liable for any damage caused by that wild animal to public property or the property of any private property holder.

SECTION 7 - EFFECTIVE DATE

Following passage of the Edgewater Town Board, this ordinance shall take effect the day after the date of posting as provided by sec. 60.80, Wisconsin Stats.

Adopted this 13th day of Feb. 2007.

Chairman **Waldo B. Asp**

Supervisor **Bill Zimmer**

Supervisor **Carson Timblin**

Posted this 20th day of Feb., 2007

Attest: Town Clerk **Natalie Clemens**