

**TOWN OF MARTELL, PIERCE COUNTY, WI**  
**ORDINANCE No. 2026 - 01,**  
**REGULATING THE CARRYING OF FIREARMS WITHIN TOWN BUILDINGS**

**I – TITLE AND PURPOSE**

The title of this ordinance is the Town of Martell Ordinance No. 2026-01, Regulating the Carrying of Firearms within Town Buildings. The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit the carrying of firearms within buildings that are owned, occupied, or controlled by the town.

**II – AUTHORITY**

The Town Board of the Town of Martell, Pierce County, Wisconsin, has the authority under ss. 60.01 (1), 60.22 (1), 66.0107 (2), and 943.13 (1m) (c) 4., Wis. stats., to adopt this Town Buildings Firearms Ordinance.

**III – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, regulates the carrying of firearms within buildings that are owned, occupied, or controlled by the town and provides penalties, as provided in Section VI.

**IV – CARRYING FIREARMS IN TOWN BUILDINGS PROHIBITED**

A. In this section, “carry” means to go armed with.

1. Except as provided in paragraph 3, the carrying of firearms in any part of any building owned, occupied, or controlled by the town, excluding any building or portion of a building under s. 175.60 (16) (a), Wis. stats., is prohibited.\* The town shall provide notice to all actors not to enter or remain in the building while carrying a firearm as provided in paragraph 2.

2. The town clerk shall post and maintain in a prominent place near each the entrances to the part of each building to which the prohibition under paragraph 1 applies, a sign that is at least 5 inches by 7 inches that states: “Entering or remaining in this building while carrying a firearm is a violation of state law and the Town of Martell Town Buildings Firearms Ordinance. Violators may be prosecuted.” All signs shall be posted and maintained so that any individual entering the building can be reasonably expected to see the sign.

3. This prohibition does not apply to a person or organization who leases or rents the use of any building or if the firearm is in a vehicle driven or parked in the parking facility of any building during their scheduled events.

**SECTION V – ENFORCEMENT**

This ordinance may be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the state of Wisconsin.

**SECTION VI – PENALTIES**

The penalties shall be a Class B Forfeiture under s. 943.13 (1m), Wis. Stats.

**SECTION VII – SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

**SECTION VIII – EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance is effective on publication or posting.

The town clerk shall properly publish this ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wis. stats.

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026

**Effective Date and Publication**

This Ordinance is effective upon proper posting or publication.

The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required by law under Wis. Stat. § 60.80 within 30 days after its adoption.

Adopted this March 10th by the Town Board of the Town of Martell, Pierce County, Wisconsin.

Number of board members voting aye: 3

Number of board members voting nay: 0

Number abstaining or not voting (if determined):

Dale Brathol  
Dale Brathol, Town Chair

3/10/26  
DATE:

Robin Boles  
Robin Boles, Town Clerk