

TOWN OF RICE LAKE ORDINANCE NO. 26-103
ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF TOWN ORDINANCES

The Town Board of the Town of Rice Lake, Barron County, pursuant to its authority under Section 60.22 Wisconsin Statutes, does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1 - STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Section 66.0113 of Wisconsin Statutes, the Town Board hereby elects to use the citation method of enforcement of town ordinances described herein, or in a separate ordinance, including those for which a statutory counterpart exists.

SECTION 2 - FORM OF CITATION

The citation shall contain the following:

- a) The name and address of the alleged violator;
- b) The factual allegations describing the alleged violation;
- c) The time and place of the offense;
- d) The section of the ordinance violated;
- e) A designation of the offense in such manner as can readily be understood by a person making a reasonable effort to do so;
- f) The time at which the alleged violator may appear in court;
- g) A statement which in essence informs the alleged violator;
 1. That a cash deposit based on the schedule established by this or other town ordinance may be made which shall be delivered or mailed to the Clerk of Court prior to the time of the scheduled court appearance.
 2. That if a deposit is made, no appearance in court is necessary unless the defendant is subsequently summoned.
 3. That if a cash deposit is made and the alleged violator does not appear in court, he will be deemed to have entered a plea of no contest, and submitted to a forfeiture, plus applicable penalty assessment, or if the court does not accept the plea of no contest, a summons will be issued commanding him to appear in court to answer the complaint.
 4. That if no cash deposit is made and the alleged violator does not appear in court at the time specified, the court may issue a summons or warrant for the defendant's arrest or consider the non-appearance to be a plea of no contest and enter judgement, or an action may be commenced to collect the forfeiture.
- h). A direction that if the alleged violator elects to make a cash deposit, the statement which accompanies the citation shall be signed to indicate that the statement required under "g" above has been read. Such statement shall be sent or brought with the cash deposit;
- i). A statement that if the court finds that the violation involves an ordinance that prohibits conduct prohibited by state statute punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, and that the violation resulted in property damage or physical injury to a person other than the alleged violator, the court may summon the defendant into court to determine if restitution shall be ordered under Section 800.093 (municipal court).

SECTION 3 – SCHEDULE OF DEPOSITS

The following schedule of cash deposits is established for use with citations issued under this ordinance.

<u>ORDINANCE NO. & TITLE</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>DEPOSIT & COST</u>
10-103 Animal Control Ordinance	Violation	Failure to license a dog \$25 plus court cost. Dangerous dog \$100 plus court cost.
19-105 Public Nuisance Ordinance	Violation	\$250 plus court cost and any cost of abatement and disposal.
20-102 Building Permits Ordinance	Violation	\$100 plus court cost
26-102 Junked Vehicle Ordinance	Violation	\$250 plus court cost and any cost of towing, impounding, and disposal.
21-102 Regulations for Boating, Lake Access, Dock, Parks, & Cemeteries Ordinance	Violation	\$100 plus court cost
23-103 Short Term Rentals Ordinance	Violation	\$200 plus court cost
08-101 Mobile Home Ordinance	Violation	Section 4 violation \$50 plus court cost. Section 6 violation \$25 plus court cost.
11-103 Prohibiting Dangerous Weapons Ordinance	Violation	\$500 plus court cost
13-101 Regulation and Licensing of Fireworks Ordinance	Violation	\$200 plus court cost
19-103 Open Burning Ordinance	Violation	\$100 burning without a permit plus court cost.
22-103 Regulations for Stopping, Standing, or Parking of Vehicles	Violation	\$100 plus court cost plus vehicle removal, towing and storage fees.
21-101 Structures & Construction in Town Right-of-Way Ordinance	Violation	\$250 plus court cost plus correction of the condition by the violator or charge for the same if done by the Town.
07-101 Motor Vehicle Compression Brakes Ordinance	Violation	\$200 plus court cost
05-102 Road Use Motor Vehicle Control Ordinance	Violation – Parking (Section 5(E))	\$25 plus court cost
06-103 Post-Construction Storm Water Management Ordinance	Violation	\$100 plus court cost accruing daily each day condition not remedied.

Deposits shall be made in cash, money order or certified check to the Clerk of Circuit Court who shall provide a receipt therefor.

SECTION 4 – ISSUANCE OF CITATION

The following officials may issue citations with respect to those specified ordinances which are directly related to their official responsibilities: Town Board Officers, Town Board Clerk, Barron County Sheriff Department Officers, Town Building Inspector and Town Engineer.

SECTION 5 – PROCEDURE

Section 66.0113(3) of Wisconsin Statutes relating to violator's options and procedures on default is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference.

SECTION 6 – NONEXCLUSIVITY

A. OTHER ORDINANCE

Adoption of this ordinance does not preclude the Town Board from adopting any other ordinance or providing for the enforcement of any other law or ordinance relating to the same or other matter.

B. OTHER REMEDIES

The issuance of a citation hereunder shall not preclude the Town Board or any authorized office from proceedings under any other ordinance or law or by any other enforcement method to enforce any ordinance, regulation or order.

C. CONFLICT WITH OTHER ORDINANCES

In the event any existing or future ordinance is found to be in conflict with this Ordinance, this Ordinance is controlling.

SECTION 7 – SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance is invalid or unconstitutional, or if the application of this ordinance to any person or circumstances is invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application.

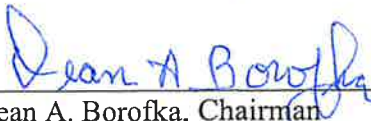
SECTION 8 – EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance is effective on publication or posting.

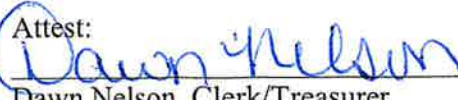
The town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wis. stats.

Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Rice Lake, this 12th day of August, 2026.

Voting in favor: 4 Voting opposed: 0



Dean A. Borofka, Chairman

Attest: 

Dawn Nelson, Clerk/Treasurer

Posted: 08/12/2026

