

**ORDINANCE 1-88
REGULATING ACTIVITIES ON COUNTY FOREST LANDS
DURING HIGH FIRE DANGER**

WHEREAS, the County of Polk owns and manages an extensive County forest, and

WHEREAS, the county forest is subject to a variety of uses, and

WHEREAS, some of these uses may significantly increase the risk of wild-fires starting on County forest land,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Polk County does ordain as follows for Polk County forest land in Sterling Township:

1. Specific activities may be prohibited upon approval of the Polk County Forestry Committee during periods of high and very high fire danger. These activities include the use of all terrain vehicles (ATV's), camping and campfires.
2. During periods of extreme fire danger when the Department of Natural Resources has implemented a "Red Flag Alert," no human activity will be allowed on the County Forest land that day. This activity includes, but is not limited to, use of any motorized vehicle, camping, campfires, hiking and logging.
3. EXCEPTIONS: This ordinance shall not apply to employees of the State of Wisconsin or employees of Polk County, its agents or representatives while conducting State or County forestry or law enforcement business.

Any person who violates this ordinance shall be required to forfeit a sum of not more than \$200.00 together with costs of prosecution, and in default of payment thereof, shall be confined to the Polk County Jail until the said forfeiture and costs are paid but not to exceed three (3) days.

Submitted at the request of the Property, Forestry, & Recreation Committee.

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Approved as to form: Keith Jones, District Attorney.

Ordinance 1-88. Regulating Activities on County Forest Lands During High Fire Danger. Moved by Sup. Mickelson, seconded by Sup. Hansen to adopt Ordinance 1-88. Moved by Sup. Anderson, seconded by Sup. Christian to amend Ordinance 1-88 to delete the words "in Sterling Township." Amendment carried by a voice vote. Ordinance 1-88 as amended adopted by a voice vote