

VILLAGE of CASNOVIA
COUNTIES of KENT and MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Casnovia, held at the Village Office, 141 North Main Street, within the Village, on the 12th day of October, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT: Members: Kahrs, Frary, Bennett, Palinski

ABSENT: Members: Morris

The following ordinance was offered by Member Frary and supported by Member Kahrs .

ORDINANCE NO. Δ 2026-05 Amended -2024-05 Δ

AN ORDINANCE Δ 2026-05, to amend the established 2024-05 ordinance “Discharge of Weaponry Within the Village of Casnovia” To protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the Village of Casnovia by regulating the use of Weaponry within the Village of Casnovia and to provide penalties for violation and any of the provisions of this ordinance. Δ (Note: The presence of the Delta symbol Δ before and after a section will denote a change to the ordinance.)

THE VILLAGE OF CASNOVIA ORDAINS:

Δ Section 1. Purpose:

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Village of Casnovia ordinance “Regulation of the Discharge of Weaponry Within the Village of Casnovia,” to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the Village of Casnovia by regulating the discharge of weaponry and provide penalties for violations of this Ordinance. The presence of the Delta symbol Δ before and after a section denotes a change to the Ordinance.

This ordinance will adhere to State, Federal, and Village guidelines. In all other instances the discharge of weaponry in the Village will be prohibited. Δ

Section 2. Definitions:

Δ For the purpose of the ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

Firearm: Except as otherwise specifically defined, any weapon that is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of propulsion.

Bow and Arrow and Crossbow: not defined as firearm as it uses mechanical action to propel projectiles. Δ

Δ Section 3. Exceptions to Prohibition on Discharge of Firearms and Other Weaponry.

The prohibition established by this Ordinance shall not apply to the discharge of a firearm or other weaponry under any of the following circumstances:

- In the protection of life
- A discharge by law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties:
- An established and lawfully permitted educational program properly supervised:

- Military functions, such as parades, funerals, firing blank charges, where all necessary permits have been acquired.
- Section 1 shall not prohibit the discharge of firearms or other weaponry where state law has pre-empted this authority and specifically authorized, in a hunting control area, the discharge of weapons.
- The discharge of a firearm or other weaponry under this Ordinance shall comply with all closures and restrictions imposed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources pursuant to Act 451 of 1994, as amended, including closures or restrictions imposed to protect public safety or property.
 - The discharge shall also comply with all applicable federal and state laws governing the firearm or other weaponry used, the ammunition used, and the location of the discharge.
- The Village may authorize the limited discharge of a firearm or other weaponry on Village-owned property solely for the control or removal of nuisance animals, including woodchucks, raccoons, and waterfowl. Any authorization shall comply with applicable state laws governing the discharge of a firearm or other weaponry and applicable hunting seasons, shall be approved in advance by the Village, and shall specify the permitted dates, times, and Village-owned property on which the discharge may occur. △

Section 4. Penalties

- A violation of this Ordinance is declared to be a nuisance per se. Any violation is a municipal civil infraction, for which the fine shall be not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for the first offense and not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 for subsequent offenses, in the discretion of the Court, and in addition to all other costs, damages, and expenses provided by law.
- For the purposes of this section, “subsequent offense” means a violation of this Ordinance committed with respect to a separate incident by the same person within 12 months of a previous violation of the ordinance for which said person admitted responsibility or was adjudicated to be responsible. Each day that such a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

△ **Section 8. Repealed/Amended Ordinances:**

Ordinance No 2024-05 is hereby replaced with Ordinance No. 2026-05 △

Section 9. Severability:

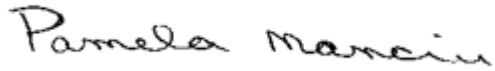
The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or sub-section is declared to be void or ineffective for any reason, it shall not affect any other part or portion hereof.

Section 10. Publication/Effective Date:

A summary of the regulatory effect of this Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation, within 15 days after adoption. This Ordinance shall become effective upon such publication.

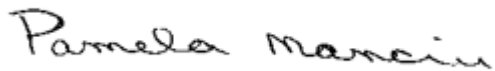
ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

AYES: 4
NAYES:0

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Manciu".

(Pamela Manciu), Village Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Casnovia at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Manciu".

(Pamela Manciu), Village Clerk