

§ 398-42. Elevated platforms and portable tree stands.

- A. The construction or use of any permanently elevated platform, commonly referred to as a "permanent tree stand," on Price County forest land is prohibited.
- B. Screws, nails, lag screws, screw steps, spikes, or other similar devices are damaging to trees, therefore they are prohibited for use in trees on Price County forest land.
- C. Portable tree stands may be used on Price County forest land, provided that they do not damage trees. Portable tree stands can be placed on Price County forest land not more than one week prior to the opening day of Wisconsin's first big game hunting season and must be completely removed no later than January 20 of the following year. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) customer identification number must be attached to the stand at eye level to a person standing on the ground. **[Amended 4-16-2024 by Ord. No. 1-24]**
- D. Elevated platforms and portable tree stands found in violation of this article will be removed by Forestry or Sheriff's Department employees. A person found in violation of any portion of this article is subject to a citation and monetary forfeiture. **[Amended 4-16-2024 by Ord. No. 1-24]**

§ 398-43. Ground blinds.

A ground blind means a structure, enclosure, or any material, natural or manufactured, placed on the ground to assist in concealing or disguising the user or occupant for the purpose of taking game. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulations regarding blaze orange material for ground blinds on DNR managed lands apply on County forest land. See current DNR hunting regulations pamphlet for details.

- A. The following types of ground blinds are legal on Price County forest land:
 - (1) Dead natural material ground blinds. These blinds must be completely made of materials natural to the area, such as dead leaves, branches, bark or naturally fallen trees. Screws, screw steps, metal spikes, wire, nylon rope, or other nonbiodegradable materials may not be used to fasten materials together or to trees.
 - (2) Portable manufactured ground blinds. These blinds must be clearly portable. These blinds can be placed on Price County forest land one week prior to the opening day of Wisconsin's first big game hunting season and must be completely removed no later than one week after the closing date of Wisconsin's last deer season the following year. Fasteners, if used to anchor or attach the blind, cannot damage any living trees and must be removed with the blind. The WDNR customer identification number must be attached to the blind.
- B. Portable manufactured ground blinds found in violation of this article will be removed by Forestry or Sheriff's Department employees. A person found in violation of any portion of this article is subject to a citation and monetary forfeiture. **[Amended 4-16-2024 by Ord. No. 1-24]**

§ 398-44. Trail cameras. [Amended 4-16-2024 by Ord. No. 1-24]

Trail cameras may be used year round, so long as no damage is done to trees. Trail cameras found in violation of this article will be removed by Forestry or Sheriff's Department employees. Trail cameras must be properly identified with name and phone number or DNR customer ID number.

§ 398-45. Applicability.

The above-described prohibition shall apply to all lands owned or controlled by Price County.

§ 398-46. Violations and penalties.

Whoever violates any of the terms of this article will be subject to a citation and shall incur a forfeiture as provided in Chapter 290 of the County Code plus court costs and any applicable penalty assessments, including but not limited to restitution for damages and stand removal expenses.