

***HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA***

**DAY & DATE:** Tuesday, March 15, 2016  
**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.  
**PLACE:** Wood County Courthouse, 400 Market St, Room 317A, Wisconsin  
Rapids, WI 54494

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Public Comments.
3. Discuss and possibly act on resolution to rescind the Firewood Ban ordinance.
4. Discuss and possibly act on policy regarding firewood brought into the campgrounds owned and operated by the Wood County Park and Forestry Department.
5. Motion to adjourn.



## ORDINANCE#

Introduced by Highway Infrastructure and Recreation Committee  
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Motion:	Adopted:	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lost:	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tabled:	<input type="checkbox"/>
No: _____ Yes: _____	Absent:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of votes required:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds	
Reviewed by: <u>PAK</u> , Corp Counsel		
Reviewed by: <u>MM</u> , Finance Dir.		

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To rescind a recently enacted ordinance prohibiting park users from bringing firewood into any Wood County Park facility, shelter, land or area.

FISCAL NOTE: Nominal, if any.

**WHEREAS**, firewood can harbor many different kinds of invasive pests and diseases harmful to Wisconsin's trees, such as gypsy moth, oak wilt, and emerald ash borer, and wanting to be proactive in slowing the spread of pests and diseases which can adversely affect Wood County properties as well as adjacent private properties, by means of Ordinance # 16-1-13, the Wood County Board of Supervisors in January enacted Ordinance 600.07(1)C which makes it unlawful to bring outside firewood into any Wood County Park facility, shelter, land or area with certain limited exceptions, and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee (HIRC) has now received negative feedback concerning the ordinance, particularly from Wood County residents who use the parks and want to be able to bring firewood into the parks that comes from Wood County, and

**WHEREAS**, it will be difficult to enforce the ordinance as it is and near impossible to do so if the ordinance is modified to exempt Wood County residents or firewood that emanated from Wood County, and

**WHEREAS**, HIRC now recommends the elimination of the ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY ORDAINS** to rescind recently enacted Park Ordinance 600.07(1)C Unlawful Firewood, which provided as follows: "It shall be unlawful for park users to bring outside firewood into any Wood County Park facility, shelter, land or area. Untreated, clean, and fully debarked dimensional lumber may be brought in for burning. Down and dead wood may also be gathered inside the park for burning. Chainsaws are not allowed to be used for this purpose. Wood County shall have firewood available, for purchase, at each of its designated campgrounds."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this ordinance rescission shall take effect upon passage and publication.

		NO	YES	A
1	Nelson, J			
2	Rozar, D			
3	Feirer, M			
4	Wagner, E			
5	Hendler, P			
6	Breu, A			
7	Ashbeck, R			
8	Miner, T			
9	Winch, W			
10	Henkel, H			
11	Curry, K			
12	Machon, D			
13	Hokamp, M			
14	Polach, D			
15	Clendenning, B			
16	Pliml, L			
17	Zurfluh, J			
18	Hamilton, B			
19	Leichtnam, B			