

6/11/2012

To: The White Bear Township Public Safety Commission.
From: Scott Slocum, 1416 Birchcrest Drive, White Bear Lake, MN
Re: Petition for Protection from Trapping in White Bear, MN.

Thank you for considering our petition.

In our meeting last week on 6/7/2012, Mike Tucker of Wildlife Removal Services described some of the problems that municipalities have had with Ordinances that ban trapping entirely. He suggested, and I agreed, that Ordinances should encourage responsible, safe wildlife management.

In my 6/7/2012 letter to you, I asked for the following general protections:

- No taking that endangers people or domestic animals (e.g. MN 97B.651).
- No dangerous, unguarded equipment (e.g. White Bear Township 16.5.n).
- No feeding of wild animals (e.g. Vadnais Heights 147.080).

In re-reading the Shoreview City Code, I realize that it provides those protections while encouraging responsible, safe wildlife management:

- Section 601 "Animal Licensing and Control" addresses wildlife management.
- Section 604 "Weapons" addresses wildlife management and protection from firearms and other weapons (without infringing on the rights of handgun permit holders).
- Section 210.010 "Nuisance" addresses dangerous unguarded machinery.

I'll now make my request more specific: please update the White Bear Township Ordinances regarding wildlife management to match the Shoreview City Code—and if Shoreview has other guidelines and requirements for Wildlife Management Programs (outside of the City Code), please also include those as guidelines and requirements of White Bear Township.

Thank you.