## Ordinance#4-2025

## Hunting Stands and Blinds as well as access to Town of Neva public land,

HUNTING STANDS AND BLINDS: No person shall erect, occupy, or use other than a commercially available, factory manufactured portable tree stand, ground blind or elevated platform for hunting purposes and only during the period from September 1st through no later than one week following the close of the late archery season. Climbing devices to access the portable stand or elevated platform shall be of the ladder type or steps that are attached to the tree with binding straps or chains. Climbing stands that do not damage the tree will be permissible. Penetration of any part of the tree by the combination of stand, platform or climbing device is prohibited. Portable tree stands, ground blinds, and elevated platforms must have the owner's name address and telephone number permanently attached to the climbing device, or ground blind at four (4) feet above ground level. Such labeling shall always be legible. Commercially available portable ground blinds may be utilized with the same restrictions as above. Ground blinds may also be constructed only of natural materials (e.g., no manufactured or processed materials, including sawn lumber). Cutting of shooting lanes is not allowed. No nails, screws or metal objects may be placed into any tree. No damage may occur to trees, damage to trees and cutting of shooting lanes shall be a violation of 16.07 5(a) of the Chapter. Portable tree stands, ground blinds, and elevated platforms found in violation of this Section will be removed by the Town of Neva. Blinds removed by the Town of Neva shall become property of the Town of Neva and will be sold at auction with all proceeds retained by the Town of Neva. Persons found in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to citation and forfeiture.

**FOREST ACCESS:** No person shall block or restrict access to any trail, road, parking area, or recreational facility, or intentionally interfere with lands and facilities under the management and regulatory control of the Town of Neva. This restriction is also enforceable on private roadways authorized through an access permit. Access closure by the Town of Neva is exempt from this sub-section.

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