

**Section 21.01. FINDINGS AND INTENT:** This Chapter is a regulatory measure aimed at protecting the health and safety of children and youth in the Village of River Hills from the risk that convicted sex offenders may re-offend in locations close to their residences and against child victims. Given the high rate of recidivism for sex offenders, and that reducing opportunity and temptation is important to minimizing the risk of re-offense, there is need to protect children and youth where they congregate or play in public places in addition to the protections afforded by state law near schools, day care centers and other places children and youth frequent. The Village Board also finds and declares that in addition to schools and day care centers, children and youth congregate or play at parks, pools and other public and private places of enrichment activities, creation, entertainment and amusement. Therefore, finding that sex offenders are a serious threat to public safety as indicated above, the Village Board hereby declares the residency or presence of sex offenders in proximity to public and private places where children and youth may congregate or frequent under circumstances proscribed in this ordinance to be a public nuisance.

It is the intent of this chapter to serve the Village's compelling interest to promote, protect, and improve the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Village by creating areas around locations where children regularly congregate in concentrated numbers wherein certain sex offenders and sex predators are prohibited from residing and loitering.