AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE BOATING UPON THE WATERS OF BASS LAKE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

The Bass Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District do ordain as follows:

Section I. Applicability and Enforcement

- (a) The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the waters of Bass Lake in the jurisdiction of the Town of St. Joseph and the Town of Somerset, St. Croix County, Wisconsin.
- (b) This chapter shall be enforced by the officers of the Bass Lake Water Patrol and the St. Croix County Sheriff's Department.

Section II. <u>Intent</u>

The intent of this ordinance is to provide for public health, safety and welfare during high water periods when lake level exceeds the ordinary high water mark of 886.1. A state of emergency exists when water levels are above that mark for Bass Lake and the shoreline area surrounding Bass Lake in both the Township of St. Joseph and the Township of Somerset. Many homes are flooded; many others are in imminent danger of flooding; many septic systems are under water or about to be under water; and the shoreline is extremely susceptible to erosion. Because of our concern for the water quality of the Lake and the potentially deleterious effect that the discharge of septic systems and large amounts of shoreline erosion will have, we have enacted this ordinance:

Section IV. <u>Definitions</u>

- (a) "Slow-No-Wake" means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.
- (b) "Public access" means any access to the water by means of public property.

Section V. Slow-No-Wake Restrictions

(a) No personnel shall operate a watercraft at a speed greater than "slow-no-wake" on Bass Lake during periods when water level exceeds the ordinary high water mark of 886.1.

Section VI. Posting Requirements

The Bass Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District shall place and maintain a copy of this Section at all public access points on Bass Lake.

Section VII. Penalties

Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in Sec. 30.80, Wis. Stats., and deposits as established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conference, are hereby adopted by reference with all references to fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment deleted.

Section VIII. Severability

The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Bass Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District would have pass the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section IX. Effective Date

This section will become effective upon passage and the day after publication.

Passed this 23 day of May, 1995.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

This ordinance may not be enforced after April 30, 1996, unless enforcement is re-authorized by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners of the Lake District.

