

**ORDINANCE NO. 121 – 2002**  
**PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (JET SKIS)**

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An ordinance to regulate personal watercraft (jet-skis) upon Big Newton and Little Newton Lakes in the Town of Stephenson, and prescribing penalties for violation thereof:

The Town Board of the Town of Stephenson, of Marinette County, Wisconsin does ordain as follows:

**Section I Intent** The intent of this ordinance is to provide safe conditions for the enjoyment of all water related activities on Newton Lakes.

**Section II Applicability and enforcement** The provisions of this ordinance apply to all PWC (jet-skis) and may be enforced by persons authorized by the Town Board of the Town of Stephenson.

**Section III Rules of operation:**

- (a) Usage limited to 4 hours per day from 10:00 am to 2:00 PM.
- (b) All watercraft use a counter clockwise rotation on lakes.
- (c) Personal watercraft (jet-skis) retain a 200 ft. buffer zone from shore and 100 ft. from boats, rafts, docks and other personal watercraft (jet-skis).
- (d) Personal watercraft (jet-skis) will be restricted from operating within 100 ft. of the area designated for swimming.
- (e) Rules for personal watercraft (jet-skis) will be posted on Big Newton and Little Newton Lakes by landings. The Lakes Association will purchase and post signs at their expense.
- (f) No person shall operate ANY watercraft or permit any person to water-ski or engage in other similar water activity on waters of Big Newton and Little Newton Lakes in such an improper, careless or negligent manner that in any way may endanger the health or safety of persons or property.

**Section IV State Boating and Safety Laws Adopted** State boating laws as found in WSS30.50 to 30.71 are adopted by reference.

**Section V Penalties** Wisconsin State boating penalties as found in WSS30.80 is adopted by reference.

**Section VI Severability** In the event that any section or sections above shall be ruled unconstitutional by any competent court, such determination shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the other sections of this ordinance, and the remainder of said ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

The foregoing ordinance is hereby adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Stephenson on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002 and shall take effect upon publication.

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Arnold Behnke, Chairman

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Mary E. Sparr, Clerk