BOATING ORDINANCE Village of Birchwood Washburn County, Wisconsin

The Village Board of the Village of Birchwood do ordain as follows:

Section I. Applicability and Enforcement

- (a) The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the waters of Birch Lake.
- (b) This chapter shall be enforced by the officers of the water safety patrol of the Village of Birchwood and Washburn County.

Section II Intent

The intent of this ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interests, and the capability of the water resources.

Section III State Boating and Safety Laws Adopted

State boating laws as found in ss. 30.50 to 30.71 are adopted by reference.

Section IV No Wake Areas

No person shall operate a boat in the following area at a speed faster than "Slow - No Wake," as defined in 30.50(12), Wisconsin Statutes 1988, as "that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control." Said "No Wake" areas are:

(1) The Narrows in Birch Lake, that are located in SW NE of Section 25, T37N-R10W. This area will be indicated by a buoy placed on each end of the restricted area.

Section V Markers and Navigational Aids

Posting Ordinance

(a) Duty, the Village of Birchwood shall place and maintain suitable markers and signs in such waters as shall be appropriate to advise the public of the provisions of this chapter and post and maintain a copy of this Section at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Village.

Section VI Penalties

Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in ss. 30.80 are adopted by reference.

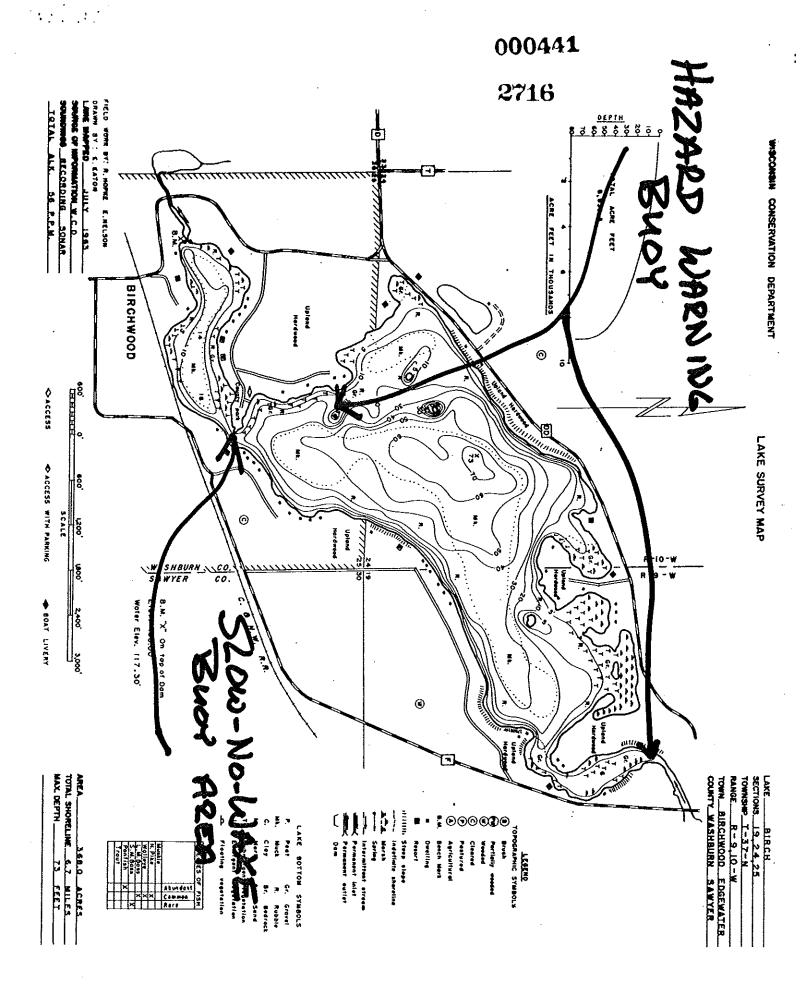
Section VII Severability

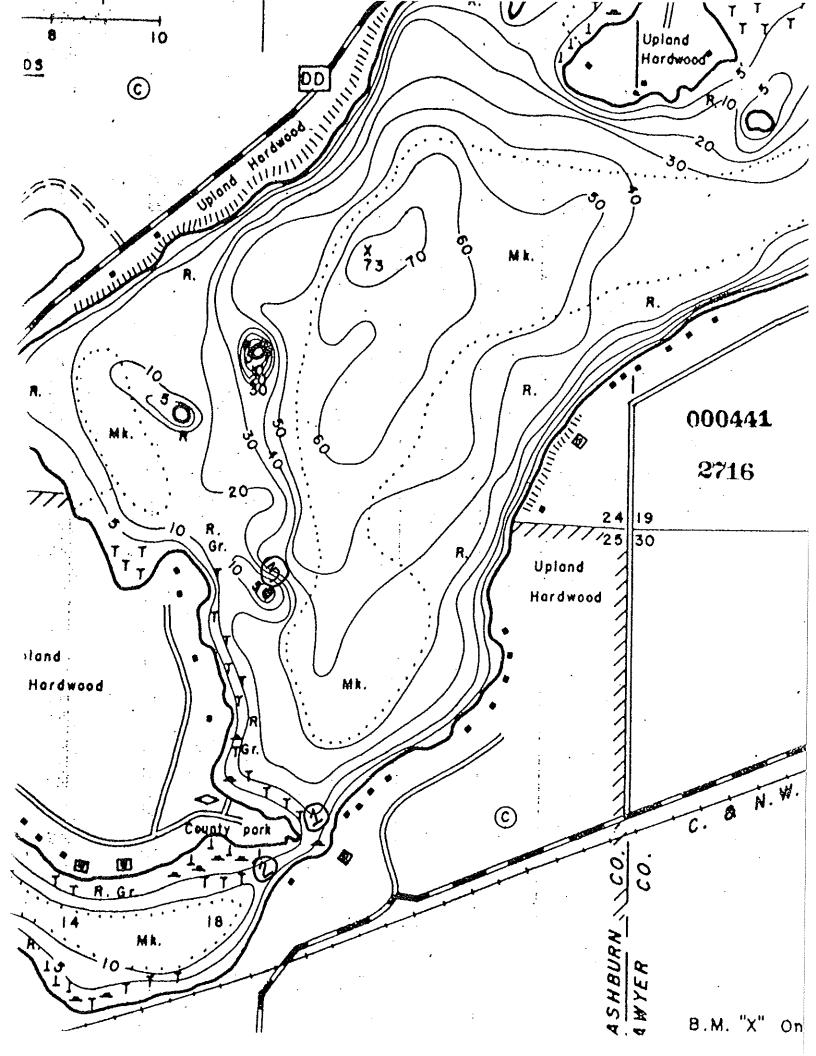
The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Village Board would have passed the other provisions of this Ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application 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 VIII Effective Date

This section will become effe	ctive upon passage and the day afte	r publication.
Passed this 7th day of May	, 1996.	

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EXACT LOCATION OF BUOYS

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- Buoy #1 From a permanent fire hydrant located at Doolittle Park in the SW NE Section 25, T37N-R10W, at a compass reading of 25° for a distance of approximately 188 feet.
- Buoy #2 From a permanet fire hydrant located at Doolittle Park in the SW NE Section 25, T37N-R10W, at a compass reading of 205° for a distance of approximately 250 feet.
- Buoy #3 From a permanent fire hydrant located at Doolittle Park in the SW NE Section 25, T37N-R10W, at a compass reading of 345° for a distance of approximately 1,281 feet.

CONDITION REPORT

The local conditions necessitating this regulation is that a narrow bay exists in the SW NE, Section 25, T37N, R10W, Birch Lake. Because of the lack of state regulation and because of the danger of a boating accident, with boats traveling at a high rate of speed, this bay should be a "Slow - No Wake" area. At the present time, boats travel through this bay at a high rate of speed, creating an unsafe boating environment. This Ordinance would prevent boats from traveling in the bay at a high rate of speed and would protect public rights, interests and the capability of the water resource.

If this ordinance is not adopted, the impact on public health, safety or welfare could be great, creating a condition where the prospect of a boating accident is great.