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WATERCRAFT MOORING ORDINANCE

Section 1: Title/Purpose

This ordinance is entitled the "Town of Knowlton Watercraft Mooring Ordinance". The purpose of this ordinance is as follows:

To preserve and protect any harbors and public rights in navigable waters. To protect shorelines from erosion, limit the introduction of motor waste products into the waterways, limit the removal of shoreline vegetation leading to a decrease in the protection from non-point run-off, and to maintain the natural beauty of the shoreline.

Section 2: Authority

The Town Board of the Town of Knowlton has the specific statutory authority, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 30.13(2) and Sec. 30.13(3) (1991-1992) to regulate structures and deposits in navigable waters.

Section 3: Definitions

(1) MOORINGS

A mooring is defined as a berthing spot for one watercraft. If one structure such as a pier, dock, wharf, boat shelter, boat lift, or boat slip can berth more than one watercraft, the total number of berthing spots is used to identify the number of moorings. Any dispute over the number of moorings a watercraft berthing structure consists of will be determined by the Town Board.

Section 4: Permitted Moorings

(1) COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

The number of moorings may not exceed 2 for the first 50 fifty feet of frontage and 1 for each additional 50 feet of shoreline.

(2) ALL OTHER PROPERTIES

The number of moorings may not exceed 4.

Section 5: Penalty

Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall forfeit not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$200 for each offense, together with the cost of prosecution, and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until payment of such forfeiture and costs of prosecution, but not exceeding 90 days for each violation. Each mooring in excess of the permitted number is considered a separate offense.