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**ORDINANCE**

Creating Sec. 9-2-9 of the Code of Ordinances

The Town Board of the Town of Madison does ordain as follows:

That Sec. 9-2-9 Regulation of Boats and Boating of the Code of Ordinances be and hereby is created and adopted as follows:

**SEC. 9-2-9 REGULATION OF BOATS AND BOATING****(a) Definitions.**

- (1) "Boat" means every description of watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.
- (2) "Motorboat" means any boat propellers by machinery, whether or not such machinery is the principal source of propulsion.
- (3) "Slow-no-wake" means the speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage.

**(b) State Boating and Water Safety Laws Adopted.** The statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to water traffic, boats, boating and related water activities and safety as contained in Secs. 30.50 through 30.71 of the Wisconsin Statutes are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this Ordinance, except for any provisions therein relating to penalties to be imposed or the punishment for violation of said statutes.

**(c) Restricted Area.** No person shall operate a boat within the Lake Wingra-Vilas Beach water area which has been clearly marked by regulatory markers as a bathing and swimming area. This bathing or swimming area is more particularly described in diagrams and aerial photographs on file with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

**(d) Regulation of Mooring.** No person shall cause, allow or permit any person to moor or anchor any boat on the waters of the Town of Madison, including Lake Wingra, other than emergency craft in designated public swimming areas.

**(e) Regulation of Boat Parking.** No person shall allow any boat to be parked, left, stored or kept upon the property or be tied or anchored along side or adjacent to land owned by the Town bordering on any waterways.

**(f) Regulation of Boats on Lake Wingra and part of Wingra Lock.**

- (1) No person shall operate a motor driven boat on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays on Lake Wingra or on Wingra Creek between Wingra locks and the John Nolen Drive bridge over Wingra Creek, except that any person possessing a physician's statement indicating that the person is not capable of rowing or paddling a boat or canoe may operate a battery powered electronic motor at a slow-no-wake speed not exceeding five (5) miles per hour.
- (2) On days when all motor driven boats are permitted, they must be operated at a slow-no-wake speed not exceeding five (5) miles per hour.
- (3) Paragraphs 1 and 2 above shall not apply to boats operated by the appropriate local, state or federal government employees or their agents for lake control or to

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persons operating motor driven boats used for officiating or for furnishing support or safety services for any sporting event authorized by the Town.

This Ordinance shall become in full force and effect upon adoption and publication pursuant to law.

BY THE ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MADISON

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Michael Theisen

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Mary Lee Brimmer

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Attest:

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Donna Meier, Clerk