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**TOWN OF NEW CHESTER
ORDINANCE # 02 -2012**

ORDINANCE FOR SLOW-NO-WAKE HOURS

ORDINANCE TO REGULATE BOATING UPON THE WATERS OF
PATRICK LAKE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS
THEREOF

The Town Board of the Town of New Chester do ordain as follow:

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I. Applicability and Enforcement

(a) The provision of this Ordinance shall apply to the waters of
Patrick Lake

(b) This chapter shall be enforced by the officers of the Town of New
Chester.

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.

III. State Boating and Safety Laws Adopted

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

IV. Definitions

“Slow-No-Wake” means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly
as possible while still maintaining steerage control.

V. Hours of Operation

No person shall operate a boat faster than slow-no-wake during the
hours of 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. the following day, local time on
Patrick Lake.

V. Posting Requirements

The Town of New Chester shall place and maintain a synopsis of this
ordinance at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the
Town pursuant to the requirement of NR 5.15 Wis. Admin. Code.

- DNR ID# 0957 -

Attested by Town Clerk

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Post in 3 places within 30 days of adoption pursuant to s. 60.80, Wis. Stats.

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Condition Report

For: Patrick Lake

Located in New Chester Township, Adams County Wisconsin

Prepared by: New Chester Town Board

This condition report is written regarding the proposed Town of New Chester ordinance to limit the creation of a wake in motor boating activity to between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm daily.

It is important to point out that this ordinance is simply formally recording a practice that has been observed for more than twenty years. Many years ago, the Patrick Lake District and the Patrick Lake Improvement Association recognized that due to the size of Patrick Lake, there was a need to limit the motor boating activity to some number of hours during each day. A public hearing was held and the community agreed that these hours should be from 10 am to 5 pm each day. The New Chester Town Board supported this situation and proposed creating an ordinance defining these boating hours. However, the ordinance was never recorded by the township. Now the Patrick Lake District has approached the New Chester Town Board requesting that the boating hours ordinance be formally recorded so that if a case of enforcement ever arises, the ordinance may be cited.

The use of boating hours (10 am to 5 pm) has worked very well for Patrick Lake and the Patrick Lake Community is extremely supportive of these hours. This ordinance will simply document and record a situation presently in effect.

*New Chester Town Board
February, 2012*