

A Joint Ordinance of the Township of Edgewater, Sawyer County and Township of Birchwood and the Village of Birchwood in Washburn county to regulate water traffic, boating and water sports upon the waters of Birch Lake and Lake Chetac in Washburn and Sawyer Counties. The Town Board of the Township of Edgewater in Sawyer County and the Village Council of the Village of Birchwood in Washburn County and the Town Board of the Township of Birchwood in Washburn County Wisconsin do ordain as follows:

Section I. Intent. The intent of the joint 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 II.. Applicability and Enforcement. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the thoroughfare between Birch Lake and Lake Chetac within the jurisdiction of the Township of Edgewater and bounded by the Village of Birchwood and the Township of Birchwood. The provisions of the ordinance shall be enforced by the officers of the Township of Edgewater and the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department.

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. Definitions.

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

Section V. No-Wake Areas. No person may operate a boat at a speed greater than slow-no-wake as defined in Section IV of this ordinance. Said "Slow-No-Wake" area is:

A) The thoroughfare between Birch Lake and Lake Chetac. This area shall be marked by regulatory buoys placed at each end of the restricted area.

It shall be unlawful to operate a motorboat at -a speed greater than slow-no-wake while traversing the thoroughfare between Birch Lake and Lake Chetac. This area will be marked by regulatory buoys and is located in the East half of Section 19, T37N, R9W.

Section VI. Markers and Navigational Aids. The Township of Edgewater shall place and maintain suitable markers in such waters as shall be appropriate to advise the public of the provisions of this chapter and maintain a copy of this Section at, all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Township. The Village of Birchwood shall post and maintain a copy of this section at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Village. The Township of Birchwood shall post and maintain a copy of this section at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Township.

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

Section VIII. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Town Board of Edgewater, the Village Council of the Village of Birchwood, and the Town Board of Birchwood 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 remained of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section IX. Effective Date. This section will become effective upon passage and the day after publication.
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