

## JOINT ORDINANCE 90-ts-10

A joint ordinance to regulate water traffic, boating and water sports upon the waters of Lake Wissota, Yellow River, Chippewa River, Paint Creek, and Stillson Creek, and prescribing penalties for violations thereof.

The Town Boards of the Towns of Anson, Eagle Point and Lafayette, Chippewa County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

### SECTION 1. 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 resource.

### SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT.

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the waters of Lake Wissota, the Yellow River, the Chippewa River, Paint Creek, and Stillson Creek, within the jurisdictions of the Town of Anson, the Town of Eagle Point and the Town of Lafayette. The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the officers of the Water Safety Unit of the Chippewa County Sheriff's Department and other authorized officers.

### SECTION 3. STATE BOATING AND SAFETY LAWS ADOPTED.

State boating laws as found in Secs. 30.50 to 30.71 as applicable, and 30.77, are adopted by reference, as they may be applicable and as they may hereafter be amended.

### SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS IN THIS ORDINANCE.

- (a) "Designated anchorage" means an area of water established and marked as an anchorage by lawful authority.
- (b) "Regulatory marker" means any anchored or fixed marker in the water of anchored platform on the surface of the water other than aids to navigation and shall include but not be limited to bathing beach markers, speed zone markers, information markers, mooring buoys, fishing buoys, and restricted area markers.
- (c) "Slow-no-wake" means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.
- (d) "Swim Area" means an authorized area of water established by regulatory markers to designate a swimming area.

### SECTION 5. MARKERS AND NAVIGATION AIDS. Buoys will be placed to provide the public with the speed and traffic regulations of this ordinance as follows:

- (a) At the intersection of the Wissota State Park Boat Landing with the main channel of the Yellow River arm of Lake Wissota a regulatory buoy will be placed with the information "YIELD" on it. This is to cause traffic leaving the bay to yield to through traffic.
- (b) To the south of Wissota State Park in the main channel of the Yellow River arm of Lake Wissota several regulatory buoys will be placed with the information "SLOW-NO-WAKE" on them. The purpose is to eliminate a potential traffic hazard to boaters.
- (c) At the north of the Yellow River Arm of Lake Wissota, several regulatory buoys will be placed designating "Swim Area". The purpose is to designate the public swim area for Lake Wissota State Park.
- (d) A "SLOW-NO-WAKE" buoys at a point in line with the north end of the Railroad bridge and north end of Highway "S" bridge, formerly known as the Silver Bridge in SECTION 22-T29N-R8W Town of Anson and better described as approximately 150' east of the north end of the Railroad bridge with intent to slow traffic between the two causeways which covers an area 800' north to the docks of Water's Edge Supper Club and is approximately 200' wide on north end including the public boat landing adjacent to County Highway "S".
- (e) Two "SLOW-NO-WAKE" buoys on O'Neil Creek in Sec. 16-T29N-R6W Town of Eagle Point. One "SLOW-NO-WAKE" buoy located one hundred feet south of the Old Chippewa City bridge in the center of the mouth of O'Neil Creek which is about 200 feet wide at this point. One "SLOW-NO-WAKE" buoy located one hundred feet west of the Highway 178 bridge located on O'Neil Creek.

(f) At the middle of the privately owned island at the entrance to Pine Harbor Bay, and on both the East and West sides thereof, at the middle of the two channels, there shall be placed one regulatory buoy marked with the information "SLOW-NO-WAKE" in each of said channels.

(g) At the middle of the Paint Creek main channel and 100 yards upstream from the Town Hall Road Bridge, there shall be placed one regulatory buoy marked with the information "SLOW-NO-WAKE".

(h) At the middle of the Stillson Creek main channel and 100 yards upstream from the Stillson Road Bridge, there shall be placed one regulatory buoy marked with the information "SLOW-NO-WAKE".

(i) Beginning at the Town of Lafayette boat landing and extending in an easterly direction across Small Lake Wissota to the boat landing and dock area of the establishment now known at The Wissota View, there shall be placed a line of four (4) regulatory buoys marked with the information "SLOW-NO-WAKE". This line of buoys shall be approximately 150 yards south of the County Trunk Highway "X" bridge.

(j) At a spot approximately 50 yards south of the County Trunk Highway "X" bridge and located in the middle of the main channel, there shall be placed one (1) regulatory buoy marked with the information "SLOW-NO-WAKE".

(k) At a spot approximately 50 yards north of the railroad bridge adjacent to the County Trunk Highway "X" bridge and located in the middle of the main channel, there shall be placed one (1) regulatory buoy marked with the information "SLOW-NO-WAKE".

(l) On the downstream sides of the Town of Hall Road/Paint Creek bridge and the Stillson Road/Stillson Creek bridge, there shall be placed a regulatory sign saying "SLOW-NO-WAKE".

#### SECTION 6. DESIGNATED ANCHORAGE (WISSOTA YACHT CLUB).

This ordinance does hereby establish a Designated Anchorage whose limits are defined as follows:

(a) Starting at a point 1077.9 feet south of the center of the road intersection of Wissota View Drive and County Trunk Highway "S" constructed in 1986 and the intersection of the highway "S" causeway as constructed in 1986 and the normal pool elevation of Lake Wissota, thence east from the causeway 105 feet, then north on a line parallel with the causeway for 565 feet, then to the intersection of the shoreline of Lake Wissota and the east boundary lien of Lot 1, Block 1, T29N, R8W, Town of Anson, Chippewa County. The east and south boundaries of the designated anchorage shall be marked with six (6) evenly spaced regulatory markers in accordance with NR 209 Wisconsin Administrative Code.

(b) Area is bounded on the north by a line commencing at a point 100' south of the Silver Bridge and running 700' on a bearing 128 degrees. The area is also bounded on the next by County Highway "S" and on the south and east by Plat 1 of Lot 6, Section 22, Township 29 North, Range 8 West. The north and east boundaries of the designated anchorage shall be marked with evenly spaced regulatory markers in accordance with NR 509 Wisconsin Administrative Code.

#### SECTION 7. INTERFERENCE WITH MARKERS PROHIBITED.

No person shall without authority remove, damage or destroy, or moor or attach any watercraft to any buoy, beacon, or marker placed in the waters described herein by the authority of the United States, state, county, town, village or by any private person pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance.

#### SECTION 8. PENALTIES.

Penalties shall be in accordance with the Chapter 30.80 Wisconsin Statutes, hereby adopted by reference. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall forfeit not more than \$50.00 for the first offense and shall forfeit not more than \$100.00 upon conviction of the same offense a second or subsequent time within one year.

SECTION 9. WISCONSIN STATUTES DEFINED. Whenever used in this ordinance the term "Wisconsin Statutes" shall mean the Wisconsin Statutes of 1987-88 and subsequent amendments.

#### SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable, and it is expressly declared that the Town Board would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions hereof may be declared invalid. If any provisions of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Passed March 1990.