

ORDINANCE NO. 532

AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 7.168 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHILTON, WISCONSIN, REGULATING THE USE AND OPERATION OF BOAT MOTORS, AND REQUIRING THE USE OF PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES.

The Common Council of the City of Chilton do ordain as follows:

7.168 BOAT REGULATIONS. (#532 10/21/80)

(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.

(2) DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this ordinance the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein:

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(a) "Boat" any description of watercraft, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.

(b) "City" is the City of Chilton

(c) "Waterway" is any waters, waterway, lake, river, tributary, canal, lagoon or connecting waters within the corporate limits of the City.

(d) "Boat Motor" is an outboard or inboard engine, which is capable of propelling any watercraft in the water.

(e) "PFD" is a personal flotation device.

(3) BOAT MOTORS PROHIBITED. No person shall use, run or operate a boat motor upon any waterway within the City, except during a publicly announced, properly authorized and supervised regatta or exhibition officially sanctioned by the Common Council of the City.

(4) PFD'S REQUIRED. (a) No person shall use or operate any boat under 16 feet in length and any canoe or kayak unless it is equipped with at least one PFD of the following types for each person on board, which is readily accessible and immediately available.

Type I- PFD – Life Preserver. This is a jacket type worn like a coat and designed to turn an unconscious person's face up in the water.

Type II – PFD – Buoyant Vest. Horse collar type and worn like a bib.

Type III – PFD – Special Purpose Device. Ski-vest, fishermen's vest, float-coats.

Type IV – PFD – Buoyant Cushion, Ring Buoy. These are throwable devices and are not designed to be worn.

(b) No person shall use or operate any boat 16 feet or over in length (except canoes or kayaks) unless at least one Type I, II, or III Wearable Type PFD is available for each person on board. In addition, each such boat must have at least one Type IV PFD – Buoyant cushion or ring buoy on board.

(5) ENFORCEMENT. This ordinance shall be enforced by duly authorized police officers of the City of Chilton, who may institute in the name of the City any appropriate actions or proceedings against a violator as provided by law.

(6) PENALTIES. Any person violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit not more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars for the first offense and shall forfeit not more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars upon conviction of the same offense a second or subsequent time within one year.