

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A SLOW-NO-WAKE ZONE ON CRANBERRY CREEK BAY, LAKE HOLCOMBE

The Town Board of the Town of Birch Creek, Chippewa County, State of Wisconsin do ordain as follows.

WHERE AS the Department of Natural Resources safety manual states that no person may operate a motorized boat within 100 feet of a dock in other than a slow, no wake fashion. (Chapter 30, Section 3066, Paragraph 3.)

WHERE AS the inlet to the bay is approximately 150' wide and again becomes so narrow as to require boat traffic to stay directly in the center.

WHERE AS boat and recreational use has been increasing due to commercial and residential use.

WHERE AS this increased traffic is causing a hazard for swimmers and slower moving boats.

WHERE AS this increased traffic is causing shoreline erosion.

THEREFORE, the Town Board does ordain that Cranberry Creek Bay, Lake Holcombe, shall be designated as a SLOW-NO-WAKE ZONE.

THIS ORDINANCE shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication, as required by law.

PASSED by the Town of Birch Creek Town Board, Chippewa County, State of Wisconsin this 4th day of June, 1991.

THIS ORDINANCE has been amended to include the east entrance of park channel as a SLOW NO WAKE ZONE.

APPLICABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT: This chapter shall be enforced by the officers of the County of Chippewa Water Patrol.

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NTENT: 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 water resources.

STATE BOATING AND SAFETY LAWS ADOPTED: State boating laws as found in ss. 30.50 to 30.70 Wis Stat., are adopted by reference.

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

CONTROLLED AREA: No person shall operate a boat faster than slow-no-wake in the waters of Park Channel beginning at the east entrance as marked by two "Slow-No-Wake" buoys then westerly 270 yards to a "Slow-No-Wake" buoy located approximately in mid-channel at anytime.

PENALTIES: Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in ss. 30.80, of the Wisconsin Stats., are adopted by reference.

SEVERABILITY: The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Town of Birch Creek Board 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 remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

THIS ORDINANCE shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication, as required by law.

PASSED by the Town of Birch Creek Town Board, Chippewa County, State of Wisconsin this 9th day of December, 1997.