

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE WATER TRAFFIC, BOATING AND WATER SPORTS UPON THE WATERS OF LAKE EAU CLAIRE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

The Town Board of the Town of Ludington, 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 interest and the . capability of the water resource.

Section 2. Applicability and Enforcement. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the waters of Lake Eau Claire within the jurisdiction of the Town. The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the officers of the water safety patrol.

Section 3. State Boating and Water Safety Laws adopted. The statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to water traffic, boats, boating and related water activities and safety in the following enumerated sections of the Wisconsin Statutes, exclusive of any provisions therein relating to the penalties to be imposed or the punishment for violation of said statutes, are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this ordinance.

30.50 Definitions

30.51 Operation of unnumbered motorboats prohibited

30.52 Certificates of number

30.53 Identification number to be displayed on boat certificate to be carried

30.54 Transfer of ownership of numbered boat

30.55 Notice of abandonment or destruction of boat or change of address

30.60 Classification of motorboats

30.61 Lighting equipment

30.62 Other equipment

30.64 Patrol boats exempt from certain traffic regulations

30.65 Traffic rules

30.66 Speed restrictions

30.67 Accidents and accident reports

30.675 Distress signal flag

30.68 Prohibited operation

30.69 Water skiing

30.70 Skin diving

30.71 Boats equipped with toilets

Section 4. Definitions in this ordinances

(a) "Shore zone" means all surface water within 200 feet of the shoreline.

(b) "Swimming zone" means an authorized area marked by regulatory markers to designate a swimming area.

(c) "Designated anchorage" means an area of water established and marked as an anchorage by lawful authority.

(d) "Public access" means any access to the water by means of public property.

(e) "Navigation lane" means an area designated by authorized aids to navigation.

(f) "Slow-no-wake" is defined as the slowest possible speed so as to maintain steerage.

Section 5. Speed Restriction. The waters of the Eau Claire River between the Lake Eau Claire Dam and Lake Eau Claire are designated as a "slow-no-wake" zone and shall be appropriately marked with regulatory buoys to reflect this speed restriction.

Section 6. Prohibited Operation. No person shall operate any boat within that portion of the Eau Claire River bounded by the Lake Eau Claire Dam and a line extending between a point on the north shore of the Eau Claire River 125 feet upstream from the dam and a point on the south shore of the Eau Claire River 125 feet upstream from the dam. A system of floats and marker buoys, warning boaters to keep out of the

aforementioned prohibited area, shall be placed across the Eau Claire River between the two points on the river shore 125 feet upstream from the Lake Eau Claire Dam.

Section 7. Municipal Water Safety Patrol. In cooperation with the Town of Bridge Creek and other law enforcement authorities of Eau Claire County, the establishment of a joint water safety patrol to be operated and staffed as shall be agreed between the Town of Bridge Creek and the Town of Ludington, is hereby authorized for the purpose of enforcement of this ordinance.

Section 8. Penalties. The penalties established and set forth in Section 30.50 of the Wisconsin Statutes (1975) are adopted and set forth as the penalties to be imposed for any violation of the rules and regulations set forth in this ordinance.

Dated this 4th day of March, 1976.