

ORDINANCE NO.

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

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

Section 1. Authority.

Pursuant to the powers set forth in Wisconsin Statute Chapter 60, towns may regulate inland lakes in a manner not inconsistent with state law. Under Wis. Stat. §30.77, local regulation of boat operation on inland lakes is valid only if all towns, cities and villages having jurisdiction on the waters of the lake have enacted an identical local regulation. The Towns of Anson, Eagle Point, and Lafayette have jurisdiction on the waters of Lake Wissota, a lake located in Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11 and 12, of Township 28 North, Range 8 West and Sections 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 34 and 35 of Township 29 North, Range 8 West.

Section 2. Intent.

The intent of this ordinance is to promote public health, safety and welfare in the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public needs and the capability of the water resource.

Section 3. Applicability and Enforcement.

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to that part of Lake Wissota located in the N1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 34, Township 29 North, Range 8 West. 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 4. Definitions.

(a) "Regulatory Marker" means any anchored or fixed marker in the water or 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 activity area markers.

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

Section 5. Designation of "Slow-No-Wake" Area and Placement of Regulatory Markers.

There is designated upon that part of Lake Wissota located in the N1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 34, Township 29 North, Range 8 West, a "Slow-No-Wake" area as shown on the attached map. One regulatory marker will designate the "Slow-No-Wake" area. The Town of Eagle Point will pay for the regulatory marker, and the Chippewa Rod and Gun Club will install the regulatory marker as directed by the town boards of the Towns of Anson, Eagle Point, and Lafayette.

Section 6. Traffic Rules.

In addition to the traffic rules set forth in Wis. Stat. §30.65, no person shall operate any boat contrary to any regulatory markers.

Section 7. Interference with Markers Prohibited.

No person shall remove, damage or destroy or moor or attach any watercraft to any regulatory marker placed in Lake Wissota pursuant to this ordinance, unless authorized to do so.

Section 8. Penalties.

Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall forfeit not more than \$50.00 for the first offense and not more than \$100.00 upon a conviction of the same offense a second or subsequent time within one year.

Section 9. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force after passage and publication.

Passed October 14, 1993.