



ORDINANCE NO. 14.4 (2007)

TOWN OF DUNN
DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND RECREATE
CHAPTER 14-4 OF THE TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES
RELATING TO WATER TRAFFIC AND BOATING

The Town Board of the Town of Dunn, Dane County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

- 1. Chapter 14-4 of the Town Code of Ordinances is repealed and recreated to read as follows:

**Chapter 14.4 of the Town of Dunn Code of Ordinances
Water Traffic and Boating Code**

Section 1: Authority

The Town Board of the Town of Dunn has the authority to enact this Water Traffic and Boating Code pursuant to section 30.77 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of the Water Traffic and Boating Code 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 resources. The purpose is also to promote public health and safety and preserve the natural environment, fish life, birds and other wildlife inhabiting the Hook Lake and Grass Lake areas, being a part of sections 28, 29, 30, 32 and 33, and the Yahara River and Mud Lake in parts of section 10, 11 and 14, T6N, R10E.

Section 3: Definitions

“Slow-no-wake” means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.

“Motorboat” means any boat equipped with propulsion machinery, whether or not the machinery is the principal source of propulsion.

“Nonmotorized boat” means a boat which is not a motorboat but which is designed and constructed to be used as a boat for transportation of a person or persons on water. This term includes, but is not limited to, any canoe, sailboat, inflatable boat or similar device, row boat, raft and dinghy which is not a motorboat.

Section 4: Slow-no-Wake Areas

The entire length of the Yahara River in the Town of Dunn, including Mud Lake, is designated as a slow-no-wake zone. No person shall operate a motorboat in the slow-no-wake zone at a speed faster than that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.

Section 5: Non-motorized Boat Area

Only nonmotorized boats shall be used on Hook Lake and Grass Lake. Hook Lake and Grass Lake are located entirely within the Town.

Section 6: Violations and Penalties

Any person violating the provisions of the Water Traffic and Boating Code shall forfeit not more than \$50 for the first offense and shall forfeit not more than \$100 upon a second or subsequent conviction within one year. Each starting of the operation of a motorboat on Hook Lake or Grass Lake shall be considered a separate offense under this Water Traffic and Boating Code.

Section 7: Enforcement

The Water Traffic and Boating Code shall be enforced by the Town of Dunn, and the Dane County Sheriff's Department.

Section 8: Severability

The provisions of the Water Traffic and Boating Code are severable. If any provision of the Water Traffic and Boating Code is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, or if the application of any provision to any person or circumstance is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications, which shall be given effect without the invalid provision or application.


Section 9: Advisory Review

Pursuant to section 30.77 of the Wisconsin Statutes, this Water Traffic and Boating Code was submitted to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for advisory review at least sixty days prior to final approval.


2. This ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and posting or publication pursuant to law.

The foregoing ordinance was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of
Dunn at a meeting held on May 21, 2007.

TOWN OF DUNN

By 
Edmond P. Minihan, Town Chair

ATTEST:


Rosalind Gausman, Town Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED: May 21, 2007

POSTED: June 14, 2007
Published: June 11, 2007