

## ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE AND OPERATION OF MOTOR BOATS ON THE WATERS OF THE TOWN OF HOMESTEAD.

The town Board of the Town of Homestead, Florence County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

### SECTION 1. DEFINITION

The words "motor boats " wherever used in this ordinance shall be construed to mean every boat, launch, vessel, or other water craft propelled in whole or in part by steam, gas, gasoline, petroleum, naphtha fluid, electricity or other engine power, whether inboard or outboard.

### SECTION 2.

#### RECKLESS OPERATION OF MOTOR BOATS

No person shall drive, operate or use a motor boat on any of the waters in the Town of Homestead, Florence County, Wisconsin, in a careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to endanger the life, property or person of others.

### SECTION 3. OPERATION OF MOTOR BOATS.

- (a) No person operating a motor boat shall pass closer than one hundred fifty feet (150') of any bathing beach or bathers at a speed in excess of six (6) miles per hour.
- (b) No person operating a motor boat shall operate such boat within one hundred (100) feet of any moving or stationary water craft or any type whatever at a speed in excess of (6) six miles per hour.
- (c) Except for ingress or egress for docking purposes. or for purposes of boons fide straight line (point to point) navigation, it shall be unlawful to operate any boat , motor or otherwise, closer than fifty (50) feet to any pier, swimming beach or other area.
- (d) All motor boats operated on waters located within the Town of Homestead shall pass to the right of every other approaching motor when in immediate danger of collision.

### SECTION 4 EQUIPMENT

- (a) The use of a siren on any motor boat is prohibited except on boats used on patrol duty.
- (b) Every boat propelled by an engine or motor shall have the same equipped with a suitable muffler or underwater exhaust and such muffling equipment shall be kept in good working order at all times and be sufficient to prevent excessive or unusual noise. No motor boat shall be operated at any time with muffler or cut-out open on waters in the Town of Homestead subject to exceptions as provided for by state statute.
- (c) All boats carrying passengers for hire shall be equipped with one life preserver in good order for each passenger; such boat shall be provided with adequate fire extinguishers in good working order.
- (d) Motor boats operated on the Town waters any time from an hour after sunset to an hour before sunrise shall be equipped with a red running light on the left (port) side so as to be visible only from that side and a green running light on the right (starboard) side so as to be visible only from that side, both to be visible from head on; a white light shall be mounted at the stern.
- (e) All craft, motor or otherwise out on the Town waters any time from an hour after sunset to an hour before sunrise shall have aboard some light that should be used to clearly indicate its presence to other craft if necessary.

### SECTION 5. SAFETY PROVISIONS

- (a) For purposes of safety a suitable boat (motor or otherwise), shall accompany any person swimming more than one hundred fifty (150) feet from the shoreline of any waters in the Town of Homestead.
- (b) No boat shall be loaded with passengers or cargo beyond its safe carrying capacity, taking into consideration the weather and other normal operating conditions.
- (c) Wherever a boat is used for towing purposes, for water sports or otherwise, there shall be no less than two persons in the towing boat, one to operate the boat and one to be in charge of the tow lines.

### SECTION 6. WATER SKIING

No person shall operate a boat for the purpose of towing a water ski or engage in water skiing between the hours of 6P.M. and 10 A.M.

SECTION 7.PENALTY

Any person guilty of violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof, be subject to a forfeiture of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each such violation together with the costs of action and in default of the payment thereof, to be imprisoned in the County Jail of Florence County until such forfeiture and subsequent costs have been paid, but not to exceed thirty(30) days.

SECTION 8.

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances heretofore enacted by this board which are in conflict with this ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed,

SECTION 9.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication or posting as required by law.

The ordinance was thereupon adopted.

Dated this 3rd day of October-, 1961, at Homestead, Wisconsin.