

CHAPTER 4 BOATING ORDINANCES TOWN OF WATERFORD

4.01 PURPOSE

The purpose of this section is to provide safe and healthy conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interest and the capability of the water resource.

4.02 APPLICABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT

The provisions of this section shall apply to the waters of Lake Tichigan and the Fox River and Fox River Impoundment within the Jurisdiction of the Town of Waterford and shall be enforced by the Town Police Department.

4.03 STATE STATUTES ADOPTED

Chapter 30 of the Wisconsin Statutes together with all amendments, revisions and modifications thereto are hereby incorporated into the Municipal Code of the Town of Waterford and made a part of this chapter.

Incorporated sections are prefixed by number four (4):

4.30.50 Definitions

4.30.51 Operation of unnumbered motorboats prohibited

4.30.52 Certificates of number

4.30.53 Identification number to be displayed on boat 4.30.541 Transfer of boat titles

4.30.549 Transfer of boats with certificate of title. certificate of number or registration

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

4.30.60 Classification of motorboat

4.30.61 Lighting equipment

4.30.62 Other equipment

4.30.635 Motorboat prohibition

4.30.64 Patrol boats

4.30.65 Traffic rules

4.30.66 Speed Restrictions

4.30.67 Accidents and accident reports

4.30.68 Prohibited operation

4.30.681 Intoxicated boating

4.30.69 Water skiing

4.30.70 Skin diving

4.30.71 Boats equipped with toilets

4.30.74 Additional functions of DNR

4.30.78 Municipal regulation of seaplanes

4.04 DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

(4) "Navigation Lane" means an area designated by authorized aids to navigation.

(5) "Slow-no-wake" means the slowest possible speed at which one can still maintain steerage.

4.05 PROHIBITED OPERATIONS

(1) CONTESTS. No person shall operate a motorboat on waters within the Town in a contest of speed or maneuverability, unless the contest or race is authorized by the Town Board.

(2) Water Sports Activities

(A) On Saturdays, Sundays and recognized Legal Holidays, boats shall be allowed only one(1) towline for the purpose of pulling no more than two(2) persons involved in water sports activities., nor shall more than two(2) persons allow themselves to be pulled by a motor boat operator)

(B) On weekdays, boats shall be allowed no more than two(2) towlines for the purpose of pulling no more than a total of four(4) persons involved in water sports activities, nor shall more than four(4) persons allow themselves to be towed by a motorboat operator.

- (C) All downed or dropped persons and water sports equipment shall be picked up immediately.
- (3) SEAPLANES. Except under Subsection (4). No aircraft capable of landing or taking off on water shall be permitted to land or take off from the waters of Tichigan Lake or the Fox River, within the Township of Waterford.
- (4) EXCEPTIONS TO SEAPLANE PROHIBITIONS. The following shall be exempt from the seaplane prohibition: Emergency landings and take offs. Search and rescue aircraft. Law enforcement aircraft. Medical transport aircraft. or any other aircraft that the Town Board may from time to time permit.

4.06 SPEED RESTRICTIONS

(1) For Tichigan Lake and the Fox River, including the area commonly referred to as the "Tichigan Marsh", a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour is established from sunset to 9:00 PM. From 9:00 PM until sunrise the following day, a slow-no-wake speed shall be established. Slow no wake is defined as a speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control. Such speed restrictions shall commence at 12:01 AM on the Saturday immediately preceding Memorial Day, as officially observed, and shall continue until sunrise the day immediately following Labor Day, as officially observed. Such speed restrictions shall be in effect at all times except October 1 st through January 31st of each year.

(2) A slow-no-wake area is established in the waters of the Fox River in the Township of Waterford at the following locations:

S.N.W. Buoy located at 8500 Fox River Rd. S.N.W. Buoy located at 8400 Fox River Rd. S.N.W. Buoy located at 8300 Fox River Rd. S.N.W. Buoy located 100 yards N. of iron bridge of Bridge Dr. S.N.W. Buoy located 100 yards S. of iron bridge of Bridge Dr.

(3) Five (5) S.N.W. Buoys located 600 feet E. of W. shore on Tichigan Conservation marsh. Said buoys placed 200 feet from each other.

(4) A Slow-No-Wake area is established in Section 26 of the Township of Waterford. at the following locations:

S.N.W. Buoy 25' E. of Island 200' W. of shoreline S.N.W. Buoy 50' N. of Island 200' W. of shoreline Both above buoys N. of Elm Island Circle S.N.W. Buoy 25' S. of shore of Elm Island Drive S.N.W. Buoy 25' E. of entrance to channel at Elm Island Dr.

(5) A Slow-No-Wake area is established in the waters of Tichigan Lake within the jurisdiction of the Township of Waterford at the following locations:

S.N.W. Buoy 100' E. of boat launch at Dooley's Resort S.N.W. Buoy 50' E. of N. end of Island 400' W. of Irma Lane S.N.W. Buoy 100' S. of Island 300' N. of Canal Lane

S.N.W. Buoy 100' W. of 29121 White Oak Lane

(6) A Slow-No-Wake area is established in the waters of the Fox River and Tichigan Marsh at the following locations:

In said area of the Tichigan Marsh. As shown on the attached map and as marked by applicable buoys. along the Northern edge of the Tichigan Marsh from the approximate 7100 block as shown on the official map of the Township of Waterford and proceeding Northerly therefrom to the present slow-no-wake buoy presently marked and described in Ordinance 92-12. as being located in the Fox River. 100 yards South of the "iron bridge". on Bridge Drive.

(7) A 50 mile per hour speed limit has been established for the waters of Tichigan Lake and the Fox River (including that area commonly referred to as the Tichigan Marsh).

(8) In the event of violation of the above, a forfeiture shall be imposed in conformance with Section 30.80 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

(A) The Town of Waterford shall be responsible for the insertion. removal. replacement and maintenance of any buoys. and shall be responsible for enforcement of this ordinance.

4.07 BOATING TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

(1) All boats, while operating on the Fox River, including the Fox River Impoundment, shall stay to the right side of said river. Boats traveling to and from ports of call on said river shall be exempt from such travel restrictions.

(2) It is unlawful to tie boats together, side by side, while under power. on the Fox River including the Fox River Impoundment, within the Town of Waterford.

(3) All boats traveling on Tichigan Lake on Saturdays. Sundays and Legal Holidays shall proceed in a counter-clockwise direction.

4.08 LITTERING

No person shall deposit, place or throw any cans, papers, bottles, debris, refuse, garbage, solid or liquid waste on or into any lake or river within the Town of Waterford.

4.09 PENALTY

Any person violating any provision of this chapter, or any Wisconsin Statute incorporated herein by reference, shall forfeit not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than Five Hundred (\$500.00), plus the costs of prosecution, subject, however, to any specific forfeiture limitations imposed by this chapter or the Wisconsin Statutes.

Upon failure to pay the fine and costs imposed by this section, such person shall be imprisoned in the County Jail for a period not to exceed Thirty (30) days or in any other manner as prescribed by law. A violator may also be required to satisfactorily complete the safety course established under Section 30.74 (1).

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