

ORDINANCE NO. 886

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STURGEON BAY, WISCONSIN DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, boat traffic and boat parking on the Bay of Sturgeon Bay within the corporate limits of the City of Sturgeon Bay have increased in volume and density to the point where some boat owners and property owners are experiencing damage from wakes of passing boats, and  
WHEREAS, the congestion of the Bay of Sturgeon Bay contiguous to the downtown area of the City of Sturgeon Bay caused by the bottleneck geographical configuration, the presence of the downtown bridge with its restrictive features, and the immediate presence of marinas, boat repair facilities, and major shipbuilding facilities, has caused various personal safety problems for the boating public, and  
WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Sturgeon Bay desires to promote safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interest and the capability of the water resource, and  
WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Sturgeon Bay desires to enact reasonable regulations to reduce the potential for wake damage by boats without unduly restricting the use of the Bay of Sturgeon Bay for recreational and commercial boating activities.

SECTION 1: Section 14.06 of the Municipal Code of the City of Sturgeon Bay is hereby created to read as follows:

14.06

(1) Definitions:

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

(2) Speed Restrictions

All boats within the slow-no-wake zone for which a metes and bounds description is hereafter provided and which is illustrated on the attached map incorporated herein by reference, are restricted to a slow-no-wake speed as defined in this ordinance at all times.

(3) Applicability and Enforcement

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the waters of the Bay of Sturgeon Bay within the jurisdiction of the City of Sturgeon Bay. The provisions of this ordinance may be enforced by any peace officer as defined in Section 939.22(22) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

(4) Penalties

Penalties for violation of this ordinance shall be imposed in accordance with Section 30.80 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Date of 2nd Reading: 7/16/91

Date of Adoption: 7/16/91

Date of Publication: 7/22/91