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Village of Twin Lakes
Kenosha County

Village of Twin Lakes
920 Lance Drive
Twin Lakes, WI 53181

Subject: Twin Lakes (Elizabeth and Mary)
Boating Ordinance Review

Dear Village of Twin Lakes:

Thank you for submitting the Village of Twin Lakes boating ordinance addressing legal operational boat speeds during determined flood stages and maximum operation boat speeds during the daylight hours (55MPH).

Wisconsin Statute 30.77(3)(d) requires that local regulations pertaining to the equipment, use or operation of boats on inland lakes shall be subject to advisory review and shall be submitted to the Department at least 60 days prior to final action. The purpose of the ordinance advisory review is to evaluate the proposed ordinance and identify any inconsistencies within chapter 30.77. The review also serves to provide consideration for all citizens potentially impacted by the proposed ordinance and to give an opinion or suggest changes to the ordinance to insure the public's right to recreate on Wisconsin's waterways are not significantly or unnecessarily impacted.

Upon review of the attached ordinance, we find it to be consistent with ss. 30.50 to 30.71 of the Wisconsin Statutes and the Department rules adopted to implement those sections. As outlined in s. 30.77(4), Wis. Stats., no ordinance is valid until it is prominently posted at all access points within your jurisdiction and until a signed copy is received by this office including proof of publication.

The posting requirements of NR 5.15, Wis. Adm. Code are below:

Posting requirements. The posting requirements for local authorities under s. 30.77 (4), Stats., shall be a sign with a minimum of 3 inch lettering stating "Local Ordinance" posted at each public landing. The sign shall list, in letters with a minimum height of one inch, a summary, synopsis, or outline of those regulations more restrictive than state law, or shall contain a map made of a durable material showing those areas with local restrictions, or both, including but not limited to speed limits, water ski hours and personal watercraft restrictions, if any.

Please contact me at (262)903-9399, should you have any questions regarding this review.

Sincerely,

Jason Roberts

Recreational Boating Program
WI - DNR Law Enforcement

VILLAGE OF TWIN LAKES

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08-01

An Ordinance Amending

Section 8.36.050 Of The Twin Lakes Code Of Ordinances Pertaining To Boating Speeds

The President and the Trustees of the VILLAGE OF TWIN LAKES, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, do herewith ordain as follows, to wit:

SECTION I

Chapter 8.36 of the Twin Lakes Code of Ordinances, pertaining to boating speeds on Village lakes, is hereby amended so as to revise Subsection 8.36.050(E) as follows:

8.36.050 Additional Traffic Rules.

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“E. No person shall operate a motorboat at a speed in excess of slow-no-wake between the hours of sunset or eight-thirty (8:30) p.m., whichever occurs earliest, and nine (9:00) a.m., unless the operator of such boat has obtained a permit for a special activity as provided in Section 8.36.100. Further, no person shall operate a motorboat at a speed in excess of slow-no-wake at any time upon the waters of Lake Mary or Elizabeth when the water level reaches or exceeds a sea level elevation of 794.65 feet above sea level as measured at Sunset Beach on Lake Elizabeth. For ease of measurement, when the lake level device installed next to Lift Station 3 at the channel between Lakes Mary and Elizabeth reads 794.7 Slow No Wake levels will be reviewed at the spillway. During times of Slow No Wake the spillway measurement will be monitored daily until Slow No Wake is deemed to be lifted by the Village Administrator, Village President or Lake District Steering Committee Chairman. No person shall operate any motorboat, or any other boat, in or upon the waters of Lake Mary or Lake Elizabeth at a speed in excess of 55 miles per hour between sunrise and sunset. The speed limit set forth in subsection shall not apply to police patrol boats in situations involving emergencies, or while engaged in law enforcement, nor to boats participating in a duly authorized race, regatta or water ski meet duly authorized by a permit while operating in the designated area authorized by said permit.”

SECTION II

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances contravening the terms and conditions of this Ordinance are hereby to that extent repealed.

SECTION III

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as provided by law, and the Village Clerk/Treasurer shall so amend the Village of Twin Lakes Code of Ordinances, and shall indicate the date and number of this creating Ordinance therein.

Dated this 2 day of August, 2021.

ATTEST:

Sabrina Waswo
Sabrina Waswo, Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF TWIN LAKES
Howard K. Skinner
Howard K. Skinner, Village President

Members Voting:

5 Aye 2 Absent
0 Nay 0 Abstained

Affidavit of Printing State of Wisconsin

County of Kenosha

City of Twin Lakes

Southern Lakes Newspapers, LLC, certifies that it is the publisher of the Twin Lakes (Report Group); that such paper is a secular newspaper of general circulation in said county; that it is printed and published in the village/city, county and state aforesaid. It hereby further certifies that a notice, of which the attached notice is a true copy, has been legally published in said newspaper 1 time(s) for 1 consecutive weeks(s); That the first publication was on the 13th day of August, 2021; The last publication was on the 13th day of August, 2021.

Signed _____

By Laurie Tanley, for Southern Lakes Newspapers, LLC

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

13 day of August

Karen Whittington

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin

My commission expires 11/20/22

KAREN WHITTINGTON
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