

ORDINANCE

SUBJECT: Navigable Waters, Harbors and Navigation – Ch. 30

COMMITTEE: Executive Committee

FIRST CONSIDERATION: January 20, 2022

FINAL CONSIDERATION: February 17, 2022

ORDINANCE # 192-2/22 **PUBLICATION DATE** February 22, 2022

The County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County does ordain as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND s. 30.81 ENTITLED "NO WAKE ZONES" OF CHAPTER 30
[NAVIGABLE WATERS, HARBORS AND NAVIGATION] OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE
COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

ANALYSIS

This amendment makes two changes to the no wake zones in La Crosse County.

The first is to remove sections referring to speed regulations on Lake Onalaska. Wisconsin State Statute s. 30.77 provides that only towns, cities, villages and lake districts can regulate boating on lakes. Counties can only regulate boating on rivers and streams. Although Lake Onalaska is part of the Mississippi River, it is considered a lake for purposes of boating regulations and is listed by the DNR as a lake on the "Wisconsin Lakes" document. (Note: It is still considered a "river" for purposes of fishing regulations.) As a result, the ordinance sections referencing Lake Onalaska need to be repealed.

The second amendment creates a new "no wake zone" [newly created s. 30.81(11)] approximately 3,750 feet in length on the part of the Mississippi River commonly referred to as French Slough located on the west side of the Town of Campbell.

INFORMATION:

County Board Rules: Governing Body s. 2.02(8) states, in part: Ordinances are drafted by the Corporation Counsel. After the ordinance has been reviewed by a standing committee, each Supervisor will be given a copy of the ordinance showing the deleted language (grayed) and the new language (underlined) and an analysis of the intent of the ordinance. After introduction to the County Board, the ordinance shall be referred to the next monthly meeting unless waived by a 2/3 vote of the Supervisors present and a public hearing may be held if requested by a Supervisor. An amendment may be introduced and debated at either the original or the referred meeting. Copies of the ordinances of the County of La Crosse in their entirety are available with Corporation Counsel, County Clerk, or www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/code/.

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The County Board of Supervisors of the County of La Crosse does ordain as follows:

Section 1. 30.81 NO WAKE ZONES

(1) There shall be a slow no-wake zone in part of the waterway known as Wigwam Slough located in the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 32 and the West one-half of the NW 1/4 of Section 33, Township 15 North, Range 7 West, Town of Shelby, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, more particularly described as follows: That part of Wigwam Slough lying adjacent to a point 100 feet North of a public boat landing located in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 33, Township 15 North, Range 7 West, thence South to a point 300 feet South on the southern end of a beach known as the Goose Island Beach, located in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 33, Township 15 North, Range 7 West.

(2) There shall be a slow no-wake zone in that part of the waterway known as the Black River described as: That part of Sections 19 and 30, Township 16 North, Range 7 West, in the Town of Campbell and City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin; being that part of the Black River, lying between the East and West shore lines thereof and lying Southerly of Clinton Street and the Clinton Street Bridge and Northerly of a line 300 feet South of and parallel to the Soo Line Railroad Bridge (formerly the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Bridge.)

(3) There shall be a slow no-wake zone in that part of the waterway described as within 100 feet of any dock, raft, pier, buoyed restricted area or public boat landing on Pool 8 in La Crosse County.

(4) There shall be a slow, no-wake zone in that part of the waterway, known as the Black River, described as: That part of the SE 1/4 of Section 9, Township 17 North, Range 8 West, Town of Onalaska, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, more particularly described as follows: Being all that part of Lytle Lake bounded by the east end of the Department of Natural Resources Bike Trail Bridge abutment extended northerly and the east section line of said Section 9.

(5) There shall be a slow, no-wake zone in that part of the waterway described known as Domke Bay, described as: "That part of Government Lot 4 (being part of the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 and of the NE1/4 of the NW1/4) in Section 17, Township 16 North, Range 7 West, City of La Crosse, lying Northerly and Easterly of the Moorings Addition, and Westerly and Southerly of the Southshore Condominiums and Lauderdale Addition".

(6) There shall be a slow no-wake zone in that part of the waterway known as the West Channel of the Mississippi River (adjacent to the Bikini Yacht Club and the Company Store) described as: that part of Section 13, Township 104 North, Range 4 West, bounded as follows: including all waters lying Westerly of Hoeschler Park Plaza Addition to the City of La Crosse; and Northerly of a line which is parallel to and 250 feet South of the centerline of the utility road which runs along the South line of Lot 2 of said Addition; and Southerly of a line which is 900 feet North of and parallel to the centerline of said utility road.

(7) There shall be a slow no-wake zone in that part of the waterway known as Coleman Slough, which is a backwater of the Mississippi River located in the South 1/2 of the SW 1/4

of Section 8 and in the NW ¼ of Section 17 all in Township 15 North, Range 7 West, in the Town of Shelby and City of La Crosse, more particularly described as: that part of Coleman Slough, lying between Green Island and the islands that separate it from the main channel of the Mississippi River, beginning at the North end of the City boat landing ramp off 7th Street, thence South proceeding to a point 100 feet South of the South line of the property at 2878 Hanifl Road (being the last set of buildings on Hanifl Road).

(8) There shall be a slow no-wake zone in the part of the waterway known as the Main Channel of the Mississippi River and the Black River between the southern tip of Taylor Island on the north and extending south to the northern most tip of Isle la Plume and extending directly west across the Main Channel of the Mississippi River to the most southerly point of the small island lying south of the Pettibone Beach Club Resort. Vessels or boats participating in marine events sanctioned by the City of La Crosse in connection with the annual Riverfest event shall be exempt from the provisions of this subsection, so long as they are engaged in activities relating to Riverfest. This ordinance shall be effective throughout the entire calendar year.

(9) There shall be a slow no-wake zone in that part of the waterway known as Bluff Slough, which is a backwater of the Mississippi River, located in the City of La Crosse and the Town of Shelby, legally described as: All that part of the East ½ of the SW¼ and part of the West ½ of the SE¼ of Section 8, Township 15 North, Range 7 West in the City of La Crosse and part of the NE¼ of the NE¼ of Section 17, Township 15 North, Range 7 West in the City of La Crosse and part of the NW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 17, Township 15 North, Range 7 West in the Town of Shelby described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of said NW¼ of the NE¼ of said Section 17, thence South along the east line of said NW¼ of the NE¼ 532 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence Northeasterly 200 feet more or less to the Southernmost corner of Lot 17 Huber Homes Addition, which is the lot line between 2808-2810 and 2816-2818 Huber Court; thence Northwesterly along the easterly shoreline of Bluff Slough (also known as Swift Creek or Running Slough) 2300 feet more or less to the North line of Lot 5, Block 21 of ED Clinton and Blackwells Addition, now vacated; which is the lot line between 2414 and 2418 13th Street South, thence Southwesterly at a right angle to the shoreline 300 feet more or less to the Westerly shoreline of Bluff Slough; thence Southeasterly along said westerly shoreline 2,550 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning.

(10) There shall be a slow no-wake zone in that part of the waterway known as French Slough, which is a backwater of the Mississippi River, located in the Town of Campbell, legally described as: Part of Government Lots 2, 3, 4 & 5 being part of the NE ¼ of Section 13; Township 16 North; Range 8 West and Part of Government Lots 1 and 6 being part of the North half of the SE ¼ of Section 13; Township 16 North; Range 8 West, all being located in the Town of Campbell, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 13; thence Westerly along the North line of said Section 13, 1400 feet more or less; thence South 75 feet more or less to the Westerly side of the boat landing at the West end of Plainview Road and the East shoreline of French Slough and the point of beginning; thence West 225 feet more or less to the West shoreline of French Slough, thence Southerly along said West shoreline to a point 1300 feet West of and 1425 feet South of the Northeast corner of said Section 13; thence Southerly to a point on the West shoreline of said French Slough which is 1450 feet West of and 2,075 feet South of the Northeast corner of said Section 13; thence Southerly and Easterly along said Westerly shoreline to the North edge of the I-90 bridge westbound; thence Easterly along the North edge of the bridge to the East shoreline of French Slough; thence Northerly along said East shoreline of French Slough 2900 feet more or less to the South edge of said boat landing; thence Westerly and Northerly along said boat landing to the point of beginning.

(11) There shall be a slow no-wake zone in that part of the waterway known as French Slough, which is a backwater of the Mississippi River located in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 19 and in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 30 all in

Township 16 North, Range 7 West, in the Town of Campbell, more particularly described as: that part of French Slough, lying between French Island and the islands that separate it from the main channel of the Mississippi River, beginning at the confluence of Smith and French Sloughs, thence proceeding south along the channel of French Slough approximately 3,750 feet to a point parallel with the south line of the property at 1105 La Crescent St.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

LA CROSSE COUNTY

By:


Monica Kruse, County Board Chair

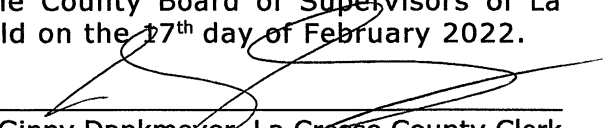
By:


Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk

PASSED: February 17, 2022
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original ordinance required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 17th day of February 2022.


Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk