

TOWN OF LEON, WAUSHARA COUNTY, WISCONSIN
EMERGENCY SLOW NO WAKE SPEED AT TIMES OF HIGH WATER
AMENDED ORDINANCE 2022-02
Final Adoption on July 13, 2022

The Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Leon (Town Board), Waushara County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

SECTION I. Section of the Code of Ordinances is hereby created to read as follows:

Sec. 1 Emergency Slow No Wake Speed at Times of High Water

A. Applicability and Enforcement. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to Pearl Lake, located within the jurisdiction of the Town of Leon, Waushara County, Wisconsin, and shall be enforced by law enforcement officers and officials of the Town of Leon.

B. Intent. The intent of this Ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interests and the capability of the water resources.

C. Penalties. Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in Wis. Stats. 30.80 and deposits established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule as established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conferences are hereby adopted by reference and all references to fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment deleted.

D. Definitions:

- i. "High Water" means when the water level exceeds 818.75 feet above sea level, and the marker for this level will be located at the boat launch.
- ii. "Slow No Wake" means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.
- iii. "Watercraft" means motorboats as defined in Wis. Stats. 30.56(6), jet skis, and all other personal watercraft.

E. Implementation. The Town Board, when provided with credible evidence that the water level of a particular lake within its jurisdiction exceeds the designated High Water elevation of that lake, shall, upon consultation and agreement with the respective Lake District Board (where applicable) implement the emergency slow no wake restriction on that particular lake as provided for in this Ordinance.

Agreement is defined as a majority of the members of the Pearl Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (PRD) and a majority of the members of the Town of Leon Board. Measurement of the lake level shall be conducted by a designated member of the Pearl Lake PRD Board.

F. Slow No Wake During High Water Periods. No person shall operate a watercraft faster than slow-no-wake upon Pearl Lake in the Town of Leon after notice of the high water condition has been declared on that lake until the declaration of the high water condition is repealed. Notice of the emergency slow-no-wake restriction shall be posted by the Pearl Lake PRD at all public access points when in effect.

G. Posting Requirements. The Town of Leon Board shall place and maintain a synopsis of the Ordinance at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Town of Leon pursuant to the requirements of NR 5.15, Wis Adm. Code.

SECTION II. Severability: In the event that any provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portions of this Ordinance shall be deemed separate, distinct and independent provisions of the Ordinance and all remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

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SECTION III. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby to such extent repealed.

SECTION IV. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect if it is passed by the Town Board of the Town of Leon.

Town Board of the Town of Leon, Waushara County, Wisconsin, approved said Ordinance on February 9, 2022, sent to Attorney and DNR for review, then the Board approved the amended Ordinance on April 20, 2022 and after a Special Board Meeting and Public Hearing for said Ordinance, approved and adopted Amended Ordinance 2022-02,

this 13th day of July, 2022.

Chris Sorenson
Chris Sorenson, Town Chair

I, Cynthia L. Gotthart, Cynthia L. Gotthart, Clerk for the Town of Leon,

hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an amended ordinance that was adopted on

the 13th of July, 2022, by the Town of Leon

Board of Supervisors, Chris Sorenson, Russell Heise, and Gordon Engel.

Public Hearing on final amended Ordinance 2022-02 July 13, 2022.

Publication in the Waushara Argus July 21, 2022.