

TOWN OF BRAZEAU
Oconto County, State of Wisconsin
Ordinance #14.0100
Motorboat Wake Enhancement Ordinance

An ordinance to regulate Wake Enhancement upon all waters within the Town of Brazeau, Oconto County, Wisconsin and prescribing penalties for violations thereof. The town board of the Town of Brazeau, Oconto County, Wisconsin does ordain as follows:

Section 1 – APPLICABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT

- A. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to all waters within the Town of Brazeau, Oconto County.
- B. This chapter shall be enforced by the officers of the Town of Brazeau or by individuals appointed by the town officers and/or Oconto County Sheriff department as requested along with any and all other state and county officers authorized by law to enforce the same.

Section 2 - 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.

Section 3 – STATE BOATING AND SAFETY LAWS ADOPTED

State boating laws as found in SS. 30.50 to 30.71, WI Stats., are adopted by reference.

Section 4 – DEFINITIONS

“Motorboat” – means any boat equipped with propulsion machinery, whether or not the machinery is the principal source of propulsion.

“Motorized Watercraft” – includes Motorboats and PWC’s.

“Public Access” – is any access to the waters by means of public property.

“PWC” – means a motorboat that uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump or a caged propeller as its primary source of motive power and that is designed to be operated by a person standing on, kneeling on or sitting astride the watercraft.

“Slow-no-wake” – means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.

“Transition Speed” – means the speed at which the boat is operating at greater than slow-no-wake speed, but not fast enough so that the boat is planing.

Section 5 – RESTRICTIONS

- A. No person may use or employ water sacks, ballast tanks, submersible wings or any other device which causes a boat to operate in a bow-high manner, or which increases or enhances a boat’s wake.
- B. No person may operate any motorized watercraft in an artificially bow-high manner, in order to increase or enhance the boat’s wake. Such prohibited operation shall apply to wake enhancement by the use of ballast, mechanical hydrofoils, uneven loading or operation at transition speed (the speed at which the boat is operating at greater than slow-no-wake speed, but not fast enough so that the boat is planing).

Section 6 – POSTING REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Brazeau shall place and maintain a synopsis of this ordinance at public access points pursuant to the requirements of NR 5.15 Wis. Admin.Code.

Section 7 – PENALTIES

- A. Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in Section 30.80, Wis. Stats., and deposits as established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conference, are hereby adopted by reference, with all references to fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment deleted.
- B. Any person violating a provision of this Ordinance for which no statutory equivalent exists in Ch. 30, Wis. Stats., shall forfeit the following:
 - 1. Anyone found guilty of violating Section 5 of this Ordinance shall pay a forfeiture established by the Town Board (refer to the Town of Brazeau Bond Schedule), together with the costs of prosecution.

Section 8 - SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable, and it is expressly declared that the Town Board would have passed the other provisions of this Ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

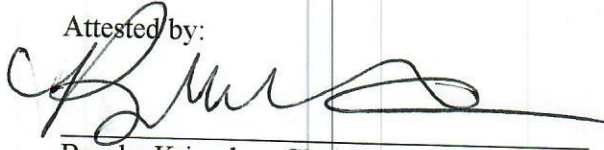
Section 9 - EFFECTED DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and posting as provided by law.

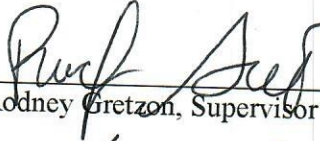
APPROVED and ADOPTED this 19th day of February, 2025.



Ryan Wendt, Chairman

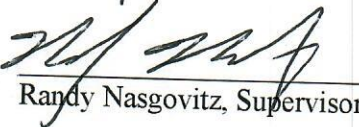
Attested by: 

Brooke Kriescher, Clerk/Treasurer

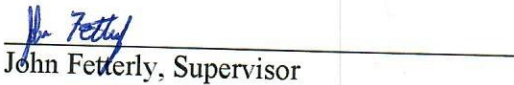


Rodney Gretzon, Supervisor

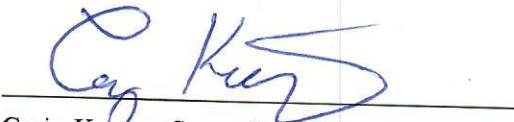
Roll Call Vote: Aye: 5 Nay: 0



Randy Nasgovitz, Supervisor



John Fetterly, Supervisor



Craig Kasten, Supervisor