



Proposed Ordinance #9 amendment, Public Hearing:

Ordinance #9 - AN ORDINANCE REGULATING OPERATION AND RENTAL OF PERSONAL WATERCRAFT ON WHITE BEAR LAKE

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DOES ORDAIN:**

PART III

Operation of Personal Watercraft

Section 3.01, Operation of Personal Watercraft.

Subdivision. 1. Prohibition. It is unlawful for any person to operate or ride upon a personal watercraft, or for the owner thereof to permit the operation of a personal watercraft on the Lake, in any way which is contrary to the provisions of this Code or the laws, rules or regulations of the state of Minnesota.

Subd. 2. Personal Flotation Devices; Towing Skiers. No person shall operate or ride on a personal watercraft unless wearing a United States Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or V personal flotation device. No person shall tow a person on waterskis, or any other device, without an observer on board. The person being towed must wear a Type I, II, III or V personal flotation device.

Subd. 3. Hours of Operation. No person shall operate a personal watercraft between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. **one hour before sunset and 9:30 AM** the following day.

Subd. 4. Speed. No person shall operate a personal watercraft at a speed in excess of 5 miles per hour or at a speed which results in more than a minimum wake within 100 feet of any shoreline, swimmer, anchored boat, person fishing, mooring, dock or other water structure.

Subd. 5. Operation Within 300 Feet of the Shoreline. No person shall operate a personal watercraft at a speed in excess of 5 miles per hour or at a speed which results in more than a minimum wake between 100 feet and 300 feet of the shoreline unless the personal watercraft is being driven perpendicular to the shoreline and to or from the nearest point of water 300 feet from the shoreline or parallel to the shoreline from one location to another in a manner which is not repetitive.

Subd. 6. Automatic Cut-off Device. No person shall operate a personal watercraft which is equipped by the manufacturer with a lanyard-type cutoff switch unless the lanyard is attached to the person, clothing or personal flotation device of the operator. No person

shall operate a personal watercraft on which the automatic cut-off device applied by the manufacturer has been altered, disabled or removed. The rental agency is responsible for the correct maintenance and repair of all personal watercraft it rents.

Subd. 7. Wake Jumping. No person operating a personal watercraft shall jump the wake of another watercraft within 100 feet of that watercraft.

Subd. 8. Careless Operation. A personal watercraft must at all times be operated in a reasonable and prudent manner. Maneuvers which unreasonably or unnecessarily endanger life, limb or property, including, but not limited to weaving through congested boat traffic or intentionally steering towards a person, dock, or other watercraft and swerving at the last possible moment to avoid collision shall constitute careless, reckless or grossly negligent operation within the meaning of White Bear Lake Conservation District Ordinance No. 4, Sections 2.02 and 2.03. Intentionally operating a personal watercraft in a manner by which the operator is separated from the watercraft during its operation except to avoid injury or collision, shall also constitute careless, reckless or grossly negligent operation.