

# RESOLUTION

## ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SHERIFF F. JOSEPH BLACK  
INITIATED BY



THOMAS A. SCHROEDER  
DRAFTED BY

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMM  
SUBMITTED BY

JANUARY 25, 1994  
DATE DRAFTED

### TITLE

ORDINANCE ADOPTING STATE BOATING AND SAFETY LAWS AND ESTABLISHING A  
SLOW-NO-WAKE RESTRICTION

1 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Rock does ordain as  
2 follows:

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4 Create Chapter XXV of the Rock County Ordinances to read as follows:

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6 BOATING AND SAFETY LAWS AND  
7 SLOW-NO-WAKE RESTRICTION  
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9 25.01 APPLICABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT.

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11 (a) The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the navigable  
12 waters of Rock County.  
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14 (b) The provisions of this Ordinance shall be enforced by the Rock  
15 County Sheriff's Department.  
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17 25.02 INTENT. Due to high water, swift currents, floating debris,  
18 submerged objects and other hazards, this Ordinance is enacted in the  
19 interest of public health, safety and welfare and to provide safe  
20 conditions for the enjoyment of water recreation consistent with public  
21 and private rights and interests.  
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23 25.03 STATE BOATING AND SAFETY LAWS ADOPTED. All provisions of secs.  
24 30.50 through 30.71, Wis. Stats. (1991-92), including all changes and  
25 amendments hereafter made thereto, are adopted and incorporated herein  
26 by reference.  
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28 25.04 DEFINITIONS

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30 (a) "Navigable waters" means any body of water which is navigable  
31 under the law of this State.  
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33 (b) "Slow-no-wake" means that speed at which a boat moves as  
34 slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.  
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36 25.05 CONTROLLED AREA. No person shall operate a boat faster than  
37 Slow-No-Wake in the affected area on the navigable waters in Rock  
38 County.

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40 25.06 POSTING REQUIREMENTS. The Sheriff, at the written request of the  
41 Town Chairman, City Manager, or Mayor, may declare a specific section of  
42 the navigable water in their Village, Town or City as hazardous and  
43 require a Slow-No-Wake speed limit. The Sheriff, and the Town  
44 Chairperson, City Manager, or Mayor or their designee, shall place and  
45 maintain regulatory markers of the Slow-No-Wake restriction at all  
46 public access points within the jurisdiction of the County of Rock

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48 Removal of the hazardous or Slow-No-Wake restriction shall also be  
49 accomplished by a Town Chairman, City Manager or Mayor requesting, in  
50 writing, the restriction be lifted on their specific waterways.

25.07 PENALTIES. The Wisconsin State boating penalties as found in  
sec. 30.80, Wis. Stats. (1991-92), including all changes and amendments  
hereafter made thereto, are adopted and incorporated herein by  
reference.

25.08 SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed  
severable and it is expressly declared that the County 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 to any person or circumstances is held  
invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such  
provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

25.09 EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective the date  
after the adopted Ordinance is published. Section 25.05 shall remain in  
effect until \_\_\_\_\_.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant  
to secs. 30.66(2) and 30.77(2), Wis. Stats.

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FISCAL NOTE:

Minimal fiscal impact for appropriate signage.

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