

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NO-WAKE ZONE
ON A PORTION OF THE ROCK RIVER

NO. 12-1-7

The Town Board of the Town of Koshkonong, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

The Code of Ordinance of the Town of Koshkonong is hereby amended by adding thereto the following Section 12-1-7, to-wit:

Section 12-1-7. No Wake on Portion of Rock River.

(a) Definitions. The following terms shall have the following meanings, to-wit:

(1) "Boat" or "Vessel" means every description of water craft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on navigable waters.

(2) "Personal water craft" means a motorboat that uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump or a caged propellor as its primary source of mode of power and is designed to be operated by a person standing on, kneeling on, or sitting astride the water craft.

(3) "Operator" means a person who is engaged in the operation of a boat, vessel or personal water craft, who is responsible for the operation of a boat, vessel or personal motor craft, or who is supervising the operation of a boat or personal water craft.

(4) "Slow — No-Wake" mans that speed at which a boat or personal water craft moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining forward motion and steering control.

(b) Slow — No-Wake Areas. The Town Board hereby determines that it is a well recognized principle of maritime rules that every operator of a boat, vessel or personal water craft is responsible for his or her wake. "Wake" is defined as that action of the hull moving through the water and the resultant wave formation. It is also recognized that every boat, vessel and personal water craft has a speed below which essentially no significant wake or wave action is produced. It is hereby determined that, for the safety of all boats, vessels and personal water craft, no person shall operate a motorboat in excess of "Slow — No-Wake" on that portion of the Rock River located within the areas bounded by the Highway 106 Bridge and the intersection of the Rock and Bark Rivers, Town of Koshkonong, Jefferson County.

(c) Enforcement. This Section may be enforced by the Sheriff's Department, Town Constable and any duly authorized agency of the State of Wisconsin.

(d) Penalties. Any person or persons in violation of this Section shall pay the boating penalties hereinafter described in addition to the costs of prosecution thereof. Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in s. 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 the fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment deleted.

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effective upon publication, which was 8/6/1999.*