

ORDINANCE 2026-01

Town of Wolf River, Langlade County, Wisconsin

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS ON ACTIVITIES ON THE WOLF RIVER DURING STH 64 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Wolf River Board of Supervisors is authorized to exercise the powers of village boards pursuant to §60.22(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes, and is thereby authorized to authorize to enact regulations to protect the public health, safety and welfare pursuant to §61.34(1), Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, §61.34(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes expressly authorizes the Town Board to regulate activities on navigable waters; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute §30.77(2) provides that, "any municipality may enact ordinances relating to the local regulation of boating which are in strict conformity with ss. 30.50 to 20.71 or rules of the department promulgated under those sections", and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Wolf River finds that, pursuant to the Wisconsin Statute §30.77(a), it is in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare, including the public's interest in preserving the state's natural resources, to enact the ordinances applicable on the waters within its jurisdiction that are not contrary to or inconsistent with chapter 30, and that such ordinances do relate to the equipment, use or operation of boats or to any activity regulated by Wisconsin Statutes sections 30.60 to 30.71; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Wolf River has determined it necessary to restrict the use of the Wolf River between June 1, 2027 and November 15, 2027 in the vicinity of the bridge construction activities carrying STH 64 over the Wolf River, identified as bridge B-34-838 (existing)/B-34-0061 (proposed), in order to protect public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Wolf River does ordain as follows:

(1) Restricted Area and Time. No recreational watercraft, including but not limited to boats, canoes, kayaks and inner tubes or person shall be located within or on the Wolf River between the points 100 feet upstream of STH 64 bridge limit to 200 feet downstream of STH 64 bridge limit from the commencement of bridge removal through the completion of bridge construction, June 1, 2027 to November 15, 2027 except during the following time periods:

- (a) From noon Friday, May 28, 2027, to 6:00 AM Tuesday, June 1, 2027, Memorial Day;
- (b) From noon Friday, July 2, 2027, to 6:00 AM Tuesday, July 6, 2027, Independence Day;
- (c) From noon Friday, September 3, 2027, to 6:00 AM Tuesday, September 7, 2027, Labor Day;
- (d) From noon Friday, September 10, 2027, to 6:00 AM Monday, September 13, 2027, Wolfman Triathlon.

(2) Public Notice. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation shall be responsible for assuring proper public notice of these restrictions including all of the following:

- (a) Installing and maintaining for such time as this Ordinance remains in effect, channel closure signage/buoys in the navigation channel of the Wolf River, both upstream and downstream, from each side of the river; and

(b) Installing and maintaining for such time as this Ordinance remains in effect signage meeting the requirements of §30.77(4) Wis. Stats. and Wis. Admin. Code §NR5.15, at each public landing along the Wolf River within the Town. Such signs shall state "Local Ordinance" in lettering of at least 3" and a summary, synopsis, or outline of these regulations in lettering of at least 1", or a map made of a durable material showing the areas subject to these restrictions; and

(c) A portage route will be in place for the duration that the Wolf River is closed that directs waterway users around the work zone; and

(3) Any person who violates the restrictions imposed by this ordinance shall be subject to forfeitures in the amounts provided in §30.80(1), Wis. Stats. and deposits as established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conference and hereby adopted by reference.

(4) This ordinance shall take effect upon publication or posting as required by law.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted by the Town of Wolf River Board of Supervisors at a meeting on Sept. 9, 2026, 2026.

Susan E. Hawley

Susan Hawley, Chair - Town of Wolf River Board

Heather Baker

Heather Baker, Clerk

Dated: 9/9/2026

Posted: 9/10/2026