

CHAPTER 4
PUBLIC SAFETY

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SECTION 4.01 **BOATING REGULATIONS****(a) Applicability and Enforcement.**

- (1) The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the waters of Lake Columbia, located in the Town of Dekorra, Columbia County, Wisconsin.
- (2) This chapter shall be enforced by the officers of the Town of Dekorra, the Columbia County Sheriff's Department, and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

(b) 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.

(c) State Boating and Safety Laws Adopted.

State boating laws as found in Wis. Stats. §§ 30.50 to 30.71 are hereby adopted by reference.

(d) Motor Boat Prohibited Area.

No person shall operate a motorboat, as defined in Wis. Stats. § 30.50(6), that is propelled by an internal combustion engine or engines on the waters of said Lake Columbia. Electric motors only are permitted on said waters.

This provision shall not apply to Law Enforcement Officers in the performance of their official duties or their assigns while conducting search and rescue or recovery operations.

(e) Posting Requirements.

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

(f) Penalties.

Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in Wis. Stats. § 30.80, and deposits as established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conference, are hereby adopted by reference and all references to fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment deleted.

(g) 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 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.

History Note: Ordinance No. 22, adopted July 13, 1971, confirmed in Ordinance No. 22A, adopted June 12, 1973; Ordinance No. 21, adopted through codification; amended December 14, 2004 by Ord. No. 12-2004; repealed and recreated July 17, 2007 in Ordinance No. 2007-05; amended through 2009 codification.

SECTION 4.02 **FEE FOR EXCESSIVE FIRE CALLS****(a) Purpose.**

The Town Board finds that certain properties within the Town have maintained conditions or have certain activities conducted thereon that lead to a significantly greater burden upon firefighting services than is experienced by the remainder of the Town. The Town Board further finds that property owners who choose to conduct, maintain or allow such conditions and activities that require multiple calls for firefighting service should bear an additional burden for the cost of such service.

(b) Authority.

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority granted by Wis. Stats. § 60.55(2)(b).

(c) Fee.

Whenever firefighting services are called to provide service to the same property or properties owned, leased or occupied by the same person more than two times in any one year period for the same activity or condition, a fee equal to the cost of fire fighting services shall be charged to the owner of the property for each fire call beyond the first two. The Town Clerk shall promptly send notice to the property owner to pay the fee within sixty (60) days of the notice. The notice shall further provide that if the fee is not timely paid it shall be charged to the property on the tax roll as a special charge under Wis. Stats. § 66.0627.

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