

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY SLOW NO WAKE ZONE ON LAKE RIPELY

As a result of recent rainfall, the level of Lake Ripley has risen to above an elevation of 836.78 feet above mean sea level. The high-water levels pose a significant threat to public health, safety, welfare and /or safety, welfare and/or property.

The Town of Oakland's **Ordinance No. 2023-02** published April 2, 2024 , **Section 2.4D** authorizes the Town Chair, or his/her designee, to declare the entire surface area of Lake Ripley as a slow-no-wake zone during periods of high water posing a significant threat to public health, safety, welfare and /or safety, welfare and/or property.

The Town Chair of Oakland declares the entire surface area of Lake Ripley to be a slow-no-wake zone, effective upon posting. Slow-no-wake speed is defined as the minimum speed at which motorized watercraft is able to move and maintain steerage.

The water level of Lake Ripley will be monitored, and this Declaration will be rescinded when the water level of Lake Ripley reaches its normal lake elevation of less than 836.78 feet above mean sea level.

Violation of the slow-no-wake restriction is subject to punishment by citation and forfeiture. For more information, contact the Town of Oakland at 608-423-9635 or Lake Ripley Management District at 608-445-4536.

Dated **20th April, 2026**

Town Chair – Laura Payne

