

TOWN OF PLOVER
COUNTY OF PORTAGE
STATE OF WISCONSIN

Ordinance #: 20220817

SLOW-NO-WAKE AREA ON WISCONSIN RIVER

WHEREAS, the Town of Plover Town Board hereby finds for the purposes of public safety it is necessary to establish a slow-no-wake area along the Wisconsin River shoreline designated on the map attached to this Ordinance labeled as Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that the enactment of a Slow-No-Wake Ordinance is a necessary step in the process of establishing a slow-no-wake area recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources,

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

SLOW-NO-WAKE AREAS which will become effective 30 days after enactment of the Ordinance by all governing entities provided applicable approval has been obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and any other applicable authority.

Provisions of this ordinance are as follows:

1. Applicability and Enforcement. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the waters of Biron Flowage. This shall be enforced by the officers of the Village of Biron, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and/or the Sheriff of Wood County.
2. 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.
3. State Boating and Safety Laws adopted. State boating laws as found in Wis. Stats. § 30.50-30.71 are adopted by reference here.
4. Penalties. Wisconsin state boating penalties found in Wis. Stats § 30.80, and deposits established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conferences, are hereby adopted by reference and all references to fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment are deleted.
5. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable, and it is expressly declared that the Town of Plover 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.
6. Definitions. "Slow-no-wake" means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.

7. Slow-no-wake Area. No person shall operate a boat faster than slow-no-wake in the waters of Biron Flowage in the area outlined by the following as described in degrees and decimal minutes (DDM):
- a. BUOY 1 – N44 degrees 26.567 minutes, W89 degrees 43.656 minutes
 - b. BUOY 2 – N44 degrees 26.555 minutes, W89 degrees 43.728 minutes
 - c. BUOY 3 – N44 degrees 26.550 minutes, W89 degrees 43.80 minutes
 - d. BUOY 4 – N44 degrees 26.544 minutes, W89 degrees 43.879 minutes
8. Posting Requirements. The Town of Plover shall place and maintain a synopsis of the Ordinance at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Town of Plover pursuant to the requirements of NR5.15, Wis. Adm. Code.

The Town Clerk/Treasurer shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under Wis. Stat. § 60.80.

Adopted this 17th Day of August, 2022


James Garbe, Chairman


Roger Bentley, Supervisor


Joe Firkus, Supervisor


Dick Pingel, Supervisor


Debbie Sniadajewski, Supervisor


Attested by:
Patricia Weller, Clerk/Treasurer

August 19, 2022
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