

PARK AND BOAT LANDING ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to establish rules and regulations for Parks and Boat Landings owned by the Town of Green Lake.

WHEREAS, the Town Board declares it is necessary to establish rules and regulations for Parks and Boat Landings owned by the Town of Green Lake.

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

1. PARK REGULATIONS

A. PURPOSE AND DEFINITION. In order to protect the parks, parkways, recreational facilities and conservancy areas within the Town of Green Lake from injury, damage or desecration, these regulations are enacted. The term "park" as hereinafter used in this Ordinance shall include all grounds, structures and watercourses which are or may be located within any area dedicated to the public use as a park, boat landing, parkway, recreation facility, play ground and recreational area in the Town of Green Lake or under the administration of the Town Board.

B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS.

(1) Littering Prohibited.

- a. No person shall litter, dump or deposit any rubbish, refuse, earth or other material in any park. No such refuse or trash shall be placed in any waters in or contiguous to any park, or left anywhere on the grounds thereof, but shall be placed in the proper receptacles where these are provided. Where receptacles are not so provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence, and properly disposed of elsewhere.
- b. No person shall throw, discharge, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, lake, stream, bay or other body of water in or adjacent to any park or any tributary, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such waters, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters.

- (2) **Sound Devices.** No person shall operate or play any amplifying system, including musical instruments, unless specific authority is first obtained from the Town Board.
- (3) **Bill Posting.** No person shall post, paste, fasten, paint or attach any placard, bill, notice, sign or advertising matter upon any structure, tree or other natural object in any park, except park regulations and other signs authorized by the Town Board.
- (4) **Throwing Stones and Missiles Prohibited.** No person shall throw stones or other missiles which may cause harm in or into any park.
- (5) **Trapping.** "Trapping" when used in this Section includes the taking, or the attempting to take, of any wild animal by means of setting or operating any device, mechanism or contraption that is designated, built or made to close upon, hold fast or otherwise capture a wild animal or animals; live traps on a person's property are excluded. The trapping of wild animals is hereby prohibited in Town parks, except municipal trapping authorized by the Town Board.
- (6) **Making of Fires.** No person shall start, tend or maintain a fire in any park.
- (7) **Glass Beverage Bottles in Parks Prohibited.** No individual shall consume any beverage in a glass bottle or glass container in any Town park.

- (8) **Parking in Parks.** No person shall park any motor vehicle in any park in the Town except in a designated parking area. The overnight parking of vehicles is prohibited from March 1 to December 1. Combination boat/trailer parking shall only be in designated areas.
- (9) **Alcohol Beverages.** The consumption of alcohol beverages in Town parks is prohibited unless authorized by the Town Board.
- (10) **Camping.** Overnight camping is not permitted in any Town park, except where Town Board approval is obtained.

2. PARK HOURS

- A. **HOURS ESTABLISHED.** Town Parks shall be open to the public from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Presence during closed hours is prohibited.
- B. **EXCEPTIONS.**
 - (1) **Authorized Persons.** The regular closing hours of Town parks do not apply to persons having permission from the Town Board or Town Clerk to be present in the Town parks during closed hours on specific days and for specific purposes. In addition, parties engaged in watercraft launching at public boat landings are exempt from regular park closing times.
- C. **PARK CLOSING AND OPENING DATES.** The Town Chairperson, Town Board or Town Clerk will have full authority to open and close any park, beach, facility or area because of season, condition, construction or when, in the interest of public safety, it is deemed necessary.

3. FEES FOR USE OF PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH

- A. No person shall use or otherwise launch a watercraft at or on the public boat launches owned by the Town of Green Lake without prepayment of the following fees: Per day watercraft launch fee (entitling the holder to launch watercraft for one day); Per season fee (entitling unlimited launches from January 1 to December 31).
- B. The amount of fees shall be established by the Town Board from time to time by motion.

4. PAYMENT OF FEES AND DISPLAY OF PERMIT

- A. Fees shall be paid in advance. Upon payment the person shall receive a permit.
- B. Fees may be paid as follows:
 - (1) At launch ramp; or
 - (2) At the Town Hall either in person or by mail by sending a check or money order to the Town Clerk at N4454 Horner Road, Ripon WI 54971.
- C. Every person or vehicle using the launch ramp shall either carry with them or display on the vehicle dashboard the permit that they receive when paying the fee.

5. **ENFORCEMENT.** This ordinance may be enforced by the Green Lake County Sheriff's Department and the Lake Patrol by issuing citations. Violations shall be punishable by a forfeiture in the amount of a minimum of \$25 up to a maximum of \$100 plus costs. Each day of a

violation takes place shall be a separate violation. Failure to pay the forfeiture may result in a jail term.

6. SEVERABILITY AND REPEAL

A. 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 as to whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid and any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision, other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

B. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance heretofore enacted by the Town of Green Lake are hereby repealed.

Adopted this 8th day of August, 2022

By the Town Board of the Town of Green Lake, Green Lake County, Wisconsin.

Chairperson: [Signature]

Date: 8-8-2022

Clerk: [Signature]

Date: 8-8-2022

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
Daniel D. Sondalle, Town Attorney

Please note that this ordinance shall take effect upon publication or posting as set for in Sec. 60.80, Wis. Stats.