

TOWN OF OCONTO FALLS  
SLOW NO WAKE - ORDINANCE #18

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE BOATING UPON THE WATERS OF THE OCONTO RIVER AND  
PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THERE OF.

The Town Board of the Town Oconto Falls, County of Oconto, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

**Section 1 Applicability and Enforcement**

The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the law enforcement officers of the Oconto County Sheriff's Department, along with any and all other State Law Officers authorized by law to enforce the same.

**Section 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

**Section 3 State Boating and Safety Laws Adopted**

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

**Section 4 Definitions**

"Slow-no-wake" means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steering control

**Section 5 Controlled Area**

No person shall operate a boat faster than slow-no-wake in the waters of **the Oconto River beginning at Hwy 32 Bridge for ½ mile East, also beginning at County K Bridge, 200ft West and 100ft East of the bridge, also beginning at the easternmost residence of the Coffey Lane area extending to the westernmost residence of the Coffey Lane area in the Town of Oconto Falls, section 22.**

**Section 6 Penalties**

Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in Wis. Stat. 30.80, and deposits as established in the Uniform 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.

**Section 7 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.

**Section 8 Effective Date**

This ordinance will be effective upon passage by the town board and posting as required by state statute.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

Susan L Mogged, clerk