

Ordinance No. 27

[Harbor Regulations Amendments]

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING HARBOR LIMITS AND PROHIBITING NUISANCES THEREIN.**

The Village Council of Medicine Lake Village ordains:

**Section .01: Amending Subsection 5 of Section .07**

Subsection 5 of Section .07 of AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING HARBOR LIMITS AND PROHIBITING NUISANCES THEREIN, being Ordinance No. 25 of this Village, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Subsection 5: The failure to equip and to operate a boat, vessel or watercraft in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 361 of Minnesota Statutes, as amended, which statutes are hereby adopted and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference, as fully as if set forth herein. Provided, however, that these additional requirements shall be met by all owners and operators of watercraft within the harbor limits established herein, namely:

- A. All watercraft in use or underway between sunset and sunrise shall be equipped with and have in operation red and green running lights in the forward section of the boat, and a white light shall be visible on a dark night with clear atmosphere for a distance of two miles from any direction. Provided however, that motor powered watercraft under 16 feet in overall length may use portable lights, which must be clamped on the watercraft when in use; and, non-powered watercraft may use a portable single white light which is visible from, any direction for a distance of two miles on a dark night with clear atmosphere.
- B. All watercraft when at anchor or drifting must show a white light visible from any direction for a distance of one mile, and such light shall be lit from sunset to sunrise, except that a watercraft anchored in a cove within one hundred feet of shore and 200 feet away from normal navigation and any watercraft anchored at a dock or pier need not have the white light lit.
- C. All watercraft shall have on board and readily accessible life preservers, vests, or other similar buoyant devices capable of keeping every person on board afloat.
- D. No watercraft other than an authorized Water Patrol Boat or other police watercraft shall use or display a red light, except a red running light.
- E. No watercraft other than an authorized Water Patrol Boat or other police watercraft shall use or display a police, sheriff or law enforcement officers flag, or any device designed to simulate such a flag.

- F. No person shall board, use, damage or tamper with a watercraft, except when done by the owner or with the owner's consent.
- G. No person under fifteen years of age shall operate a watercraft powered by a motor of ten horse power or more, unless accompanied by a competent person fifteen years of age or older.

Section .02: **Amending Subsection 6 of Section .07**

Subsection 6 of Section .07 of an ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING HARBOR LIMITS AND PROHIBITING NUISANCES THEREIN, being Ordinance No. 25 of this Village, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Subsection 6: The failure to tow or to operate a watercraft towing one or more persons behind a watercraft on water skis, aqua-plane, surfboard, saucer, or similar device, except in compliance with these regulations:

- A. Every person being towed shall wear a life vest, belt or other buoyant device, except with written permission of County Sheriff.
- B. Not more than two persons may be towed at one time, except with written permission of the County Sheriff.
- C. No person shall be towed from one-half hour after official sunset to sunrise.
- D. No person shall be towed by a rope, cable or other towing device longer than 85 feet, except with written permit of the County Sheriff.
- E. No person shall operate a watercraft when towing a person, and no person being towed, shall come within 150 feet of any bathing area, skin diver's warning flag, swimmer, or raft, watercraft, dock or pier except that raft, dock, or pier from which he is operating.
- F. No person shall tow or be towed during a holiday, a Saturday or a Sunday, or in a congested area at any time, unless two competent persons are on board the watercraft. The driver of such watercraft shall be at least fifteen years of age, and must watch where the watercraft is being driven at all times. The second person on board the watercraft shall be an observer, and shall be at least twelve years of age, and shall watch the person or persons being towed at all times.
- G. No person shall drag an unoccupied tow line behind a watercraft for an unreasonable length of time.
- H. No person shall tow or be towed into or through a market channel connecting two bodies of water.

Section .03: **Amending Section .07**

Section .07 of an Ordinance Establishing Harbor Limits and Prohibiting Nuisances Therein is amended by adding thereto Subsection 12, reading as follows:

Subsection 12: Operating any watercraft, automobile, vehicle or powered propelled device on the open water, or upon an ice covered body of water, in such a manner as to endanger life, limb or property.

Section .04: **Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication.

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Dean Mummert, Mayor

ATTESTED: John R. Raun, Clerk