

CITY OF MEDICINE LAKE  
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ORDINANCE NO. 75

[Operation & Speed of Watercraft]

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION AND SPEED  
OF WATERCRAFT ON MEDICINE LAKE**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDICINE LAKE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Medicine Lake: Special Provisions.

Subd. 1. Purpose. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 86B.201-205, 459.20, and Minnesota Rules Parts 6110.3000–6110.3700, it is the purpose of this ordinance to regulate the operation and speed of watercraft on Medicine Lake.

Subd. 2. Definitions. The following words and phrases when used in this ordinance have the meanings set forth below:

"*Operate*" means to navigate or otherwise use a watercraft.

"*Persons*" includes an individual, partnership, corporation, or any body of persons whether incorporated or formed into an association or not.

"*Slow-no wake*" means the operation of a watercraft at the slowest possible speed necessary to maintain steerage and in no case greater than 5 mph.

"*Watercraft*" has the meaning given in Minn. Stat. 86B.005, Subd. 8.

Subd. 3. Regulation. No person shall operate a watercraft at greater than slow-no wake speed on Medicine Lake whenever the water level exceeds 889.4 feet and remained at that level for at least three consecutive days. The slow-no wake restriction shall remain in place until the lake level drops to 889.4 feet or below for at least three consecutive days.

Subd. 4. Exemptions. Authorized resource management, emergency and enforcement personnel, when acting in the performance of their duties, shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance.

Subd. 5. Marking. The City Staff of Plymouth and Medicine Lake shall be responsible for informing the public, posting notification at all public accesses, and marking or buoying areas affected by this ordinance as necessary to give reasonable notice of the speed restriction of this section.

Subd. 6. Enforcement. Primary responsibility for the enforcement of this ordinance shall rest with the Hennepin County Sheriffs Department, including both licensed and special deputies. This, however shall not preclude its enforcement by other licensed peace officers.

Subd. 7. Penalties. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

SECTION 3. Ordinance 74 is hereby repealed.

**ADOPTED by the City Council of Medicine Lake this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2001.**

Thomas J. Schrader, Mayor

ATTEST: July Deitte, City Clerk