

Ice Bound Waters of Rock Lake

Chapter 5

Regulation of Traffic on the Ice Bound Waters of Rock Lake, Jefferson County, WI

5.01 Purpose.

This ordinance is intended to promote the public safety on the ice bound waters of Rock Lake and its tributaries; Mud Lake, Hope Lake and Bean Lake. Notwithstanding of compliance with this ordinance, all risk of travel on icebound waters shall be solely with the traveler.

5.02 Authority.

This ordinance is created and adopted under the authority of Sections 30.18(2), 59.02 and 59.07(64) WI Statutes.

5.03 Jurisdiction.

The provisions of this ordinance are applicable to all ice bound inland waters within the geographical boundaries of the Rock Lake Watershed which are not regulated by valid local ordinances adopted under sec. 30.81(1), WI Stats.

5.04 Definitions.

(1) Motor Vehicle means any self-propelled vehicle of whatever type, description or kind, including without limitation because of enumeration any automobile, truck, tractor, motorcycle, snowmobile, boat, airboat, hover boat, ATV and UTV vehicles excluding aircraft.

(2) Watercraft has the meaning set forth in sec. 30.01(7). 1989 stats.

(3) Reasonable and Prudent is defined as the speed a motor vehicle determined to be lower than the posted speed limit due to the circumstances, such as rain, ice, heavy traffic, poor condition of the vehicle or gloom of night. Exceeding reasonable speed under the circumstances can result in citations for speeding or negligence.

5.05 General Regulations.

(1) All motor driven vehicles shall be lighted from sunset to sunrise by a headlamp of white light of sufficient illuminating power to reveal any person, vehicle or substantial object at a distance of 200 feet ahead and a tail lamp of red light plainly visible during darkness from a distance of 500 feet to the rear.

(2) No person shall operate a vehicle or snowmobile at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard for the actual and potential hazards then existing. The speed of a vehicle or snowmobile shall be controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any object, person, vehicle or other conveyance on the ice bound waters of Rock Lake or its Tributaries named above.

(3) No person shall endanger the safety of any person or property by the negligent operation of a vehicle in a reckless manor while upon the ice bound waters of Rock Lake and its tributaries.

(4) No motor vehicle may pull or convey any other vehicle or object with children or persons aboard over the ice bound waters of Rock Lake.

(5) Vehicles including snowmobiles must remain 150 feet from shore after entering or exiting the ice bound waters of Rock Lake or its tributaries during operation.

(6) If any vehicle becomes disabled, partially imbedded or submerged in water on Rock Lake or its tributaries will be removed within 48 hours unless its deemed a hazard by the Town Chair or Chief of Police it will have to be removed immediately . All costs associated with the removal will be the responsibility of the owner of the vehicle or snowmobile.

(8) Littering: WI State Statute 287.81

5.06 Penalties.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall forfeit not less than \$100.00 or more than \$200 for each offense.