

CHAPTER 13

REGULATING LAUNCH FEES AT CERTAIN  
LAUNCH RAMPS ON ROCK LAKE

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5-13-1: INTENT: The intent of this ordinance is to help equalize the cost of Rock Lake maintenance activities and to help financially maintain the public boat launches within the Town of Lake Mills, located on Rock Lake and owned or operated by the Town of Lake Mills. Specifically, the launches at Ferry Park, Elm Point, and the County Park at the North end of Rock Lake.

5-13-2: FEE DISPERSMENT: All monies generated by the launch fee shall be kept in a Rock Lake Maintenance Account for disbursement. Disbursements from this account shall be controlled by the Lake Mills Town Board.

5-13-3: APPLICABILITY: The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all watercraft transported to Rock Lake by vehicle or by vehicle and trailer and launched at any of the designated Town of Lake Mills Boat Launches. After launch vehicle (and trailer) must be properly parked and the pass must be properly displayed.

5-13-4: ENFORCEMENT: The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the police officers of the Town of Lake Mills

5-13-5: PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH: Pursuant to Section 30.77 (3) (b), Wisconsin Statutes.

5-13-6: DEFINITIONS:

1. "Launch fee" means daily dollar amount for daily launch of recreational watercraft and or the seasonal fee.

2. "Recreational watercraft" means aquatic equipment designated for use on surface waters which requires launching and/or tow of other vehicles to facilitate transportation.
3. "Parking area" means the designated area to legally park transport vehicles.
4. "Amount paid voucher" is the section of payment envelope with instruction for use. It must be displayed properly. Proper display shall mean that either the daily or seasonal pass shall be affixed to the inside of the vehicles windshield in the lower left hand corner.
5. "Failure to pay and/or display" voucher will result in a citation (see Section 5-13-8: PENALTIES).
6. "Dates of enforcement" are 01 May thru 30 September.

5-13-7: PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH FEES: No person may use any public boat launch on Rock Lake within the Town of Lake Mills without first paying the required launch fee as stated on the Town of Lake Mills Fee Schedule. A seasonal fee valid from May 01 of the year of purchase until the end of that year may be purchased from the Town of Lake Mills Clerk for the amount as stated on the Town of Lake Mills Fee Schedule.

5-13-8: PENALTIES: Any person violating any provision of this ordinance, specifically Section 7, shall upon conviction of said violation forfeit \$25.00 but not more than \$50.00 total bond for the first offense, and shall forfeit \$50.00 but not more than \$100.00 total bond upon conviction of the same offense a second or subsequent time within one year. Whenever any person fails to pay the total bond for violation of any section of this ordinance, the Town of Lake Mills shall pursue any legal remedy it has for the collection of said forfeiture. If the forfeiture is not paid within 30 days of issuance the amount shall be increase to \$100.00 and if not paid in 60 days shall be increased an additional \$300.00 for a total increase of \$400.00.

5-13-9: EACH DAY A SEPARATE VIOLATION: Each day in which a violation of any of the sections or provisions of this ordinance exists shall constitute a separate offense.

5-13-10: SEVERABILITY: The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable. 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 is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

EFFECTIVE DATE- This Ordinance shall go into effect upon passage and publication on June13, 1995

AMENDED:

November 10, 2009

July 12, 2022

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Board of the Town of Lake Mills, Jefferson County, Wisconsin on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Thomas Buechel, Town Chairperson

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David Schroeder, Supervisor I

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robin Untz, Town Clerk

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James Heinz, Supervisor II