

SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 277

SLOW-NO WAKE SPEED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP, CHAPTER – 40, WATERWAYS, BY RESTATING THE SLOW-NO WAKE SPEED REGULATIONS IN SECTION 40-21 AND SECTION 40-22; AND TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRING LAKE, COUNTY OF OTTAWA, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Spring Lake. Section 40-21 of Article II of Chapter 40 of the Spring Lake Township Code of Ordinances is restated in its entirety as follows.

SEC. 40-21. Slow-no wake speed–Spring Lake

On the waters of Spring Lake within Spring Lake Township, Ottawa County, it is unlawful for:

- (a) The operator of a vessel less than 26 feet in length to exceed a slow-no wake speed when within 200 feet of any shore, dock, or pierhead;
- (b) The operator of a vessel 26 feet or more in length to exceed a slow-no wake speed.

Slow-no wake speed means a very slow speed whereby the wake or wash created by the vessel would be minimal.

The boundaries of the area described above shall be marked with signs and/or with buoys at all points of public entry. It is the responsibility of Spring Lake Township to provide, place and maintain all signage, including any buoys, to notify boaters of this watercraft control. This includes all public access sites within the area described above. All buoys must be placed as provided in a permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources and be in conformance with Michigan's approved Uniform Waterway Marking System. Buoys shall not be placed in a commercial shipping channel. This local watercraft control is only enforceable when clearly and properly marked.

Section 2. Spring Lake and Connected Waters. Section 40-22 of Article II of Chapter 40 of the Spring Lake Township Code of Ordinances is restated in its entirety as follows.

SEC. 40-22. Slow-no wake speed – Spring Lake and connected Waters

On the following described waters of Spring Lake, Spring Lake Township, Ottawa County, it is unlawful for the operator of a vessel to exceed a slow-no wake speed:

Slow-no wake speed means a very slow speed whereby the wake or wash created by the vessel would be minimal.

- (a) Petty's Bayou, (formally known as Hammond Bayou), sections 11, 12, and 14, T8N, R16W, Spring Lake Township, Ottawa County, is described as the waters east of a line beginning where the eastern property line of lot 3, (formerly known as lot 20), plat of Longview, intersects the water's edge, coordinates: 43° 5' 17.09"N, 86° 10' 53.94"W (43.08808°, -86.18165°), then south along longitudinal line 86° 10' 53.94"W (-86.18165°) to the opposite shore, coordinates: 43° 5' 3.95"N, 86° 10' 53.94"W (43.08443°, -86.18165°).
- (b) Jerusalem Bayou, (formally known as Cornelius Bayou), sections 2 and 3, T8N, R16W, Spring Lake Township, Ottawa County, is described as the waters west of a line beginning where the west property line of lot 24, Belle Point subdivision, coordinates: 43° 6' 43.81"N, 86° 10' 53.07"W (43.11217°, -86.181409°), intersects the water's edge, then southwest to the nearest opposite shore, coordinates: 43° 6' 36"N, 86° 11' 3.08"W (43.1100°, -86.18419°).
- (c) Stahl's Bayou, section 2, T8N, R16W, Spring Lake Township, Ottawa County, is described as the waters northwest of a line beginning at the most southeastern point of land of lot 10, Pine Bluff Estates, coordinates: 43° 6' 55.94"N, 86° 10' 33.56"W (43.11554°, -86.17599°), then southwest to the opposite shore, (formerly known as lot 7 of Belle Point subdivision), coordinates: 43° 6' 48.17"N, 86° 10' 44.11"W (43.11338°, -86.17892°).

(See R281.761.7 covering that portion of Spring Lake which lies in Muskegon county.)

The boundaries of the area described above shall be marked with signs and/or with buoys at all points of public entry. It is the responsibility of Spring Lake Township to provide, place and maintain all signage,

including any buoys, to notify boaters of this watercraft control. This includes all public access sites within the area described above. All buoys must be placed as provided in a permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources and be in conformance with Michigan's approved Uniform Waterway Marking System. Buoys shall not be placed in a commercial shipping channel. This local watercraft control is only enforceable when clearly and properly marked.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Spring Lake, Ottawa County, Michigan, on July 27, 2020, and it is ordered to take effect 30 days after publication of its contents or a summary of its contents in the *Grand Haven Tribune*, a local newspaper of general circulation in the Township, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 246 of the Public Acts of 1945, as amended.

John Nash, Township Supervisor

H. Carolyn Boersma, Township Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, H. Carolyn Boersma, Clerk for the Township of Spring Lake, Ottawa County, Michigan, certify that the foregoing Slow-No Wake Speed Ordinance was adopted at a special meeting of the Township Board held on July 27, 2020. The following members of the Township Board were present at that meeting: John Nash, Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Catherine Pavick, Jerry Rabideau, Rachel Terpstra. The following members of the Township Board were absent: Ron Lindquist. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board with members of the Board Terpstra, Rabideau, Pavick, Koster, Boersma and Nash voting in favor and no members of the Board voting in opposition. The Ordinance or a summary was published in the *Grand Haven Tribune* on August 4, 2020.

H. Carolyn Boersma, Township Clerk