SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 281

SLOW-NO WAKE SPEED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP, CHAPTER – 40, WATERWAYS; AND TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 40 TITLE. Article III of Chapter 40 of the Code of Ordinances shall be retitled to be “NO WAKE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GRAND RIVER.”

Section 2. SECTION 40-40 TITLE. Section 40-40 of the Code of Ordinances shall be retitled to be “Slow – no wake zone – south channel.”

Section 3. SECTION 40-40A ADDED. Section 40-40A of the Code of Ordinances shall be added to the Code of Ordinances to state in its entirety as follows.

On the waters of the Grand River, locally known as "Indian Channel", sections 25 and 36, T8N, R16W, Spring Lake Township, Ottawa County, from the eastern township boundary downstream to its confluence with the Grand river, excluding Dermo Bayou, 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 when within 400 feet of any shore, dock, or pierhead.

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

The restricted area described above is further defined below:
The eastern boundary of this restricted area shall be the eastern border of section 36, which is also the jurisdictional border between Spring Lake and Crockery Townships.

The western boundary shall commence on the northern shore of Indian Channel at its confluence with the Grand River, on a point of land where residential property, parcel number 70-03-25-300-036, meets the water’s edge, 43° 2' 43.55"N (43.04543°), 86° 9' 30.71"W (-86.15853°), and then continues southwesterly to the shore of Poel Island 43° 2' 39"N (43.04438°), 86° 9' 33.88"W (-86.15941°).

This Temporary Watercraft Control shall expire six months from the effective date.

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 temporary 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. This local watercraft control is only enforceable when properly marked.

Datum: NAD 1983 Michigan GeoRef (Meters)

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Spring Lake, Ottawa County, Michigan, on May 10, 2021, 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 May 10, 2021. The following members of the Township Board were present at that meeting: John Nash, Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Ernie Petrus, Catherine Pavick, Jerry Rabideau, and Rachel Terpstra. The following members of the Township Board were absent: None. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board with members of the Board Nash, Koster, Petrus, Pavick, Rabideau, Terpstra voting in favor and members of the Board Boersma voting in opposition. The Ordinance or a summary was published in the Grand Haven Tribune on May 15, 2021.

H. Carolyn Boersma, Township Clerk