



## CITY OF WASILLA Code Ordinance

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Requested By: Mayor Stein  
Prepared By: Administration

### ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 90-21 (Substitute)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA PERTAINING TO  
MOTORIZED USES ON LAKES AND WATERWAYS.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA AS  
FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Classification. This ordinance is of a general  
and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Wasilla  
Municipal Code.

SECTION II. Purpose. To prescribe limitations of  
motorized uses on lakes and waterways to maximize safety,  
protect wildlife, minimize noise and reduce erosion on Wasilla  
Lake, Lake Lucille and Cottonwood Creek.

SECTION III. Repeal. Ordinance 81-7 and Chapter 13.02,  
Speed and Operation of Watercraft; and Ordinance 82-15 and  
Chapter 13.03, Aircraft Operations are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV. Enactment. There is hereby enacted as part of  
the Wasilla Municipal Code, Chapter 13.02 which shall read as  
follows:

#### CHAPTER 13.02

#### Motorized Uses on Lakes and Waterways Within the City of Wasilla

##### Sections

- 13.02.010 Definitions
- 13.02.020 Limitation of Motorized Uses
- 13.02.030 Prohibition of Motorized Uses
- 13.02.040 Penalties

##### 13.02.010 Definitions.

A. "Motorized Use" means the operation of any equipment,  
watercraft or vehicle powered or propelled by a force other  
than human muscular power, gravity or wind including, without  
limitation, automobiles, aircraft, boats, personal watercraft,  
hydroplanes, all terrain vehicles, three-wheelers, motorcycles,  
snowmachines and stationary equipment such as generators and  
pumps.

B. "Wake" means the track in the water left after the  
passage of a boat or other vehicle as defined by waves.

C. "Special Event Permit" means a permit approved by the Mayor for a special purpose and limited to a specific time to conduct an event that otherwise would involve activities in violation of one or more provisions of this chapter.

13.02.020 Limitation of Motorized Uses on Lake Lucille and Wasilla Lake

1. No-Wake Zone

There is hereby established a no-wake zone extending from a shoreline, lakeward a distance of 100 feet. It is unlawful for a motorized use to operate within that zone so as to create a wake. The no-wake zone may be extended or reduced as required to protect unusually sensitive wildlife habitat or to provide access to erosion resistant shorelines or for other reasons as determined by the Mayor or his designee. The no-wake zone may be presumptively identified by appropriately labeled floating buoys.

2. Hours of Operation

Motorized uses producing continuous or repetitive noise which would or could disturb the peaceful enjoyment of lakeshore residents and users of public areas is hereby prohibited between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Specifically, use of personal watercraft known as "jet skis" or "wave runners" and similar acrobatic or stunt equipment is prohibited between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. This restriction shall not be construed to prohibit the operation of aircraft, boats or other vehicles while transiting the lake in route to their destinations.

3. Noise Control

All motorized uses on the surface of lakes must be equipped with manufacturers standard noise reduction equipment including mufflers, cowlings and exhaust systems. Special purpose or home-built equipment shall be similarly equipped to minimize noise generation. Open exhaust systems are prohibited.

Aircraft operators shall minimize their take-off noise by utilizing the most central portions of lakes, away from residences, business and public areas.

4. Safety

Watercraft using lakes shall obey the inland rules of the road and small craft regulations as promulgated by the U. S. Coast Guard, including use of personal floatation devices. Lights are required on watercraft and vehicles during night operation.

5. Buoys and Signs

It is unlawful to strike, destroy, move, deface or otherwise tamper with floats, buoys, signs or other notices placed by or with the approval of city, borough, state or federal agencies.

6. Special Events Permits

Special events permits may be issued by the Mayor subject to the following criteria:

Event activities are limited to eight hours in any one day, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Event activities may occur on a maximum of three consecutive days.

Event activities must be located so as to avoid hazard to or damage of sensitive wildlife habitat, erosion-prone shorelines, public swimming areas and residential areas.

The special event permittee shall demonstrate that adequate and appropriate safety measures are taken to protect participants, spectators and bystanders including marking of activity area, safety patrols and public notice.

A City special event permit does not release the event organizers or participants from rules or regulations of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, State of Alaska or the U. S. Government, especially the U. S. Coast Guard.

13.02.030 Prohibition of Motorized Uses

Motorized uses are prohibited on Cottonwood Creek.

13.02.040 Penalties

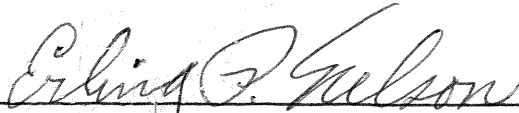
A person who violates any provision of this Chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the general penalties in WMC 1.24.010.

Introduction: 06/25/90

Public Hearing: 07/09/90

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Wasilla on this 24th day of September, 1990.

ATTEST:

  
ERLING P. NELSON, CMC  
City Clerk

  
JOHN C. STEIN, Mayor



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ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 90-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA PERTAINING TO MOTORIZED VEHICLE USE ON CERTAIN BODIES OF WATER IN WASILLA

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Wasilla Municipal Code.

SECTION II. Purpose. To prescribe regulations pertaining to the use of motorized vehicles on certain bodies of water in the City of Wasilla.

SECTION III. Repeal. Ordinance 81-7 and Chapter 13.02, Speed and Operation of Watercraft; and Ordinance 82-15 and Chapter 13.03, Aircraft Operations are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV. Enactment. There is hereby enacted as part of the Wasilla Municipal Code, Chapter 13.02 which shall read as follows:

CHAPTER 13.02

Motorized Vehicle Use on Bodies of Water  
Within the City of Wasilla

Sections:

- 13.02.010 Definitions
- 13.02.020 Motorized Vehicle Use on Wasilla Lake
- 13.02.030 Motorized Vehicle Use on Cottonwood Creek
- 13.02.040 Motorized Vehicle use on Lake Lucille

13.02.010 Definitions.

A. "Motorized vehicle" means any vehicle propelled by a force other than electric current, human muscular power, gravity or wind including, without limitation, automobiles, boats, jet skis, hydro-planes, all terrain vehicles, three-wheelers, motorcycles, airplanes and snowmachines.

B. "Special Event Permit" means a permit approved by the City Council for a special purpose and limited to a specific time to conduct an event that otherwise would involve activities in violation of one or more provisions of this chapter.

*Substitute adopted*

13.02.020 Motorized Vehicle Use on Bodies of Water.

A. Bodies of water in the City of Wasilla are restricted for the use of motorized vehicles as described in Subsections 1, 2 and 3.

1. Wasilla Lake

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motorized vehicle faster than 3 miles per hour on that portion of Wasilla Lake that is bounded on the north by West Point Drive and on the south by the east end of Wasilla Lakeside Park or on the water within 50 feet of any Wasilla Lake shoreline within the City of Wasilla.
- b. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motorized vehicle within the buoy markers that delineate the swimming area for Wasilla Lakeside Park.

2. Lake Lucille

- a. No person shall operate any motorized vehicle with more than 40 hp on Lake Lucille, except airplanes
- b. No person shall operate a motorized vehicle in excess of "no wake" speed within 100 feet of any shoreline on Lake Lucille.
- c. The use of Lake Lucille for practice landings and takeoffs by pilots of aircraft for training and instructional purposes is prohibited.
- d. The use of Lake Lucille as a base for commercial aircraft operations is hereby prohibited.

3. Cottonwood Creek The use of motorized vehicles on Cottonwood Creek is prohibited.

B. The speed and wake restrictions imposed by this chapter do not apply to motorized vehicles operated by law enforcement or emergency response personnel in the course of official duty.

C. The City Council may review and conditionally approve special event permits which provide exception to the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION V. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective upon adoption by the Wasilla City Council.

Introduction: June 25, 1990

Public Hearing: July 9, 1990

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Wasilla on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1990.

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JOHN C. STEIN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Erling P. Nelson, CMC  
City Clerk