

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-006

AN ORDINANCE TO TAKE ACTION IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCIES

WHEREAS the Town Board of LaGrange has determined that emergencies affecting the public's health, safety and welfare arise, requiring prompt governmental action which may be addressed under the authority granted by Sec. 166.23 Wis. Stats.

Now therefore the Town Board of LaGrange adopts this ordinance, as follows:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Present Emergency

A. The Town Board hereby declares that the extraordinary amounts of rain in the month of August 2007 have created an emergency within the definition of Sec. 166.23 Wis. Stats., causing an extremely high water level on Lauderdale Lakes and necessitating emergency action to prevent damage or injury to people and property on or surrounding Lauderdale Lakes.

B. Slow-no-wake. No person shall operate a boat, personal water craft or other floating device in excess of slow-no-wake at any place on Lauderdale Lakes.

C. The Town Chairman is authorized to close any public boat launch on Lauderdale Lakes and prohibit any person from using such boat launch for the purpose of launching a boat, personal water craft or other floatation device.

D. This declaration of present emergency including the restrictions on speed and launching shall expire upon declaration by the Town Chairman when he finds that the emergency conditions no longer exist or are likely to exist.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Future Emergencies.

The Town Board authorizes the Town chairman to proclaim an emergency in situations arising under the conditions of Sec. 166.23 Wis. Stats., as amended from time to time and take such necessary actions to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Town of LaGrange. Such proclamations shall last until the Town Board can meet to consider the matter.

SECTION 3. Penalty

A. No person firm or association shall violate any provision of this ordinance or any declaration, proclamation or any remedial action taken by the Town as a consequence of the emergency.

B. Any person who violates this Ordinance shall pay a forfeiture of a minimum of \$ 25 up to a maximum of \$100. Each day that a violation takes place or continues shall be a separate offense. \$50 is established as the bond amount.

SECTION 4. Severability and Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.

A. The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Town Board would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective as to whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid and any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions, other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

B. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance heretofore enacted by the Town of LaGrange are hereby repealed.

Adopted on motion of Supervisor RICK CALLAWAY, seconded by Supervisor DON SOKALA on the 24 day of AUGUST, 2007.

Attest:

Crystal L. Hoffmann
Town Clerk

Approved:

Frank Taylor
Town Chairman

Donald D. Sokala
Supervisor

Richard F. Callaway
Supervisor

Supervisor

Supervisor