

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN**  
**JUNE 21, 2024**

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The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, June 21, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. in an emergency meeting in county board room, Red Wing, MN, with Commissioners Anderson, Flanders, and Betcher present.

C/Greseth and C/Majerus were absent.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT**

**Emergency "No Wake" Ordinance- Public Hearing.** Sheriff Kelly addressed the board and requested the board approve the proposed "No Wake" Ordinance. The ordinance required a public hearing.

C/Anderson asked staff to review the current statute to see if it could be an automatic ordinance if the water reached the 12' mark instead of having to go through the emergency meeting process.

<sup>1</sup> Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve to open the public hearing.

C/Anderson asked three times for public comment. There was none.

<sup>2</sup> Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve to close the public hearing.

<sup>3</sup> Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve the "No Wake" Ordinance No. 06-21-2024:

An Ordinance relating to the emergency regulation of boats in the Mississippi River between Mile 773 and Mile 807, within the boundaries of Goodhue County, Minnesota.

The County of Goodhue does ORDAIN and ENACT the Goodhue County "No-Wake" Emergency Ordinance.

**Section 1.** The following words and phrases, when used in this ordinance, have the following meanings:

1. "Boat" is any watercraft as defined in Minnesota Statutes 86B.005, Subd. 18.
2. "Motorboat" means any boat propelled by machinery as defined in Minnesota Statutes 86B.005, Subd. 9.
3. The Mississippi River between Mile 773 and Mile 807 and all bodies of water that, together with their connecting channels, are a part of the Mississippi River located within the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota. A map thereof is on file in the Office of the Goodhue County Engineer, the Goodhue County Auditor, the City of Red Wing Engineer, and the City of Red Wing City Clerk, and is attached to the original draft of this ordinance.
4. "Person" includes an individual, partnership, association, corporation, or any body of persons.
5. "Slow-Minimum Wake Speed" means operation of a motorboat at less than planing speed whereby the wash or wake created by the motorboat is minimal and, in no case, a speed of more than five (5) miles per hour.

**Section 2.** In the interest of public health, safety, and general welfare, the following regulations are imposed upon all motorboats operated, placed, or maintained in the Mississippi River between Mile 773 and Mile 807, being that part of the Mississippi River and its connecting channels within the boundaries of Goodhue County, Minnesota.

1. No person shall operate a motorboat at greater than a slow-minimum wake speed in the Mississippi River between Mile 773 and Mile 807, and connecting channels with the Mississippi River.
2. Motorboats utilized by government agencies and rescue craft while on official business shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance.

**Section 3.** The Sheriff of Goodhue County and the City of Red Wing are authorized and directed to inform the public by official notification, as well as by posting and buoying the Mississippi River between Mile 773 and Mile

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807, and its connecting channels. The Goodhue County Sheriff's Office is authorized and entitled to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

**Section 4.** Penalties. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Section 5.** Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication. This ordinance shall remain in full force and effect for 30 days unless extended with permission of the Commissioner of Natural Resources, or until such time as the Mississippi River recedes to below the 11 foot level at Red Wing, whichever is earlier.

**Section 6.** All previous "No-Wake" zones and ordinances governing them shall remain in full force and effect.

The Chairman of the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners hereby declares that an emergency exists and adopts this ordinance on the waters of the Mississippi River between Mile 773 and Mile 807 within the boundaries of Goodhue County, Minnesota, due to flooding of the river in this area causing known and expected damage to river front properties, structures, and river banks.

**Adjourn**

<sup>4</sup> Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to adjourn the June 21, 2024, Emergency County Board Meeting.

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SCOTT O. ARNESON  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

TODD GRESETH, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved to open the public hearing. (Motion carried 3-0)
2. Approved the close the public hearing. (Motion carried 3-0)
3. Approved the No Wake Ordinance No 06-21-2024. (Motion carried 3-0)
4. Approved to adjourn the June 21, 2024, Emergency County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 3-0)