

CHAPTER 95. LAKE SARAH REGULATIONS

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SURFACE USE RESTRICTIONS

§ 95.01 AUTHORITY TO REGULATE WATER SURFACE USE.

Pursuant to M.S. §§ 86B.205 and 459.20, as they may be amended from time to time, the city has entered into a joint powers agreement with the City of Independence for the purpose of regulating the surface use of the body of water known as Lake Sarah. This chapter is effective until repealed or until the joint powers agreement is terminated.
(Prior Code, § 580.01) (Am. Ord. O-13A-02, passed 10-15-2002)

§ 95.02 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

BOATING TERMS. Terms used in this chapter related to boating, including slow-no-wake are defined in M.S. § 86B.005, as it may be amended from time to time.

LAKE SARAH. The body of water designated by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as lake #27-191. It is located in: Sections 1 and 2, Township 118, Range 24; and in Sections 34 and 35, Township 119, Range 24, Hennepin County, Minnesota. (Prior Code, § 580.01) (Am. Ord. O-13A-02, passed 10-15-2002)

§ 95.03 SLOW-NO-WAKE ZONE IN CHANNEL.

No person shall operate a water craft, including waterborne aircraft, in excess of slow-no-wake speed in the channel separating the northerly and southerly halves of Lake Sarah as delineated by markers, buoys or other aids to navigation placed by the city. (Prior Code, § 580.01) (Am. Ord. O-13A-02, passed 10-15-2002) Penalty, see § 95.99

§ 95.04 NO WAKE AT HIGH WATER LEVEL.

Whenever the waters of Lake Sarah reach or exceed 981.1 feet above sea level, for a period of 3 consecutive days or more, as measured by the water level gauge set by the State Department of Natural Resources on Lake Sarah, the City Administrator-Clerk or designee may, at his or her discretion, upon notifying the Hennepin County Sheriff, establish a slow-no-wake zone on those portions of the lake within the city. Both of the implementation and removal of these restrictions must be done in coordination with similar actions by the City of Independence. (Prior Code, § 580.01) (Ord. O-5A-01, passed 6-19-2001; Am. Ord. O-13A-02, passed 10-15-2002) Penalty, see § 95.99 (Ord. 2016-03, 9-20-2016)

§ 95.05 NO WAKE REGULATIONS.

(A) No person shall operate a water craft, including aircraft, in excess of slow-no-wake speed 24 hours per day when the high water slow-no-wake restrictions in § 95.03 are in effect.

(B) These restrictions shall become effective upon publication in a local daily newspaper as a news item or on a specified date, whichever is later. (Prior Code, § 580.01) (Am. Ord. O-13A-02, passed 10-15-2002) Penalty, see § 95.99

§ 95.06 NOTIFICATION.

The City Administrator or designee shall notify the public of both implementation and removal of the no-wake restrictions by causing the posting of the restriction at all public lake access points prior to and during the time the restriction is in place, and posting the restriction at city hall, and by other means as the Administrator determines to be reasonable. The city is responsible for providing adequate notification to the public. Placement of a sign at each public water craft access outlining essential elements of this chapter, as well as the placement of necessary buoys and signs shall be the responsibility of the Lake Sarah Improvement Association. (Prior Code, § 580.01) (Am. Ord. O-13A-02, passed 10-15-2002) (Ord. 2016-03, 9-20-2016)

§ 95.07 EXEMPTION.

Enforcement, resource management and emergency personnel, while in the performance of their official duties, are exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

(Prior Code, § 580.01) (Am. Ord. O-13A-02, passed 10-15-2002)

§ 95.08 ENFORCEMENT.

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Department and special deputies appointed and sworn by the Sheriff have primary responsibility for enforcing the provisions of this chapter, but that does not preclude enforcement by other licensed peace officers.

(Prior Code, § 580.01) (Am. Ord. O-13A-02, passed 10-15-2002)

§ 95.99 PENALTY.

Any person violating this chapter, upon conviction, is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a maximum fine or a maximum period of imprisonment, or both, as specified by M.S. § 609.03, as it may be amended from time to time.

(Prior Code, § 580.01) (Am. Ord. O-13A-02, passed 10-15-2002)