

ORDINANCE NO. 23- 01**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2007-03 REGULATING USE OF THE TOWN'S PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCHES**

WHEREAS, the Town of LaGrange owns and operates several public boat launches and plans to continue these activities and services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of LaGrange Board has determined that the continuation of the above activities and services requires fair and reasonable regulations for both private and commercial access; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board for the Town of LaGrange, Wisconsin, hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1:**Sec. 1. Fees For Use of Public Boat Launch.**

- (a) No person shall use or otherwise launch a watercraft at or on the public boat launches owned by the Town of LaGrange without prepayment of fees.
- (b) For the 2023 calendar year, and thereafter until such time as the Town of LaGrange may amend this chapter or obtain approval from the Department of Natural Resources to charge additional fees, the boat launch fees for shall be those fees as outlined below; however, if any of those fees exceed the maximum permissible fee permitted under NR 1.91(11), Wisconsin Administrative Code, said maximum will become the applicable fee:
 - 1. Daily fee: \$5 for personal use
 - 2. Annual pass: \$30 for personal use
- (c) These fees may be revised by the Town Board by motion.
- (d) Daily watercraft launch fees entitle the holder to launch watercraft for one day; An annual pass entitles the holder to unlimited launches from January 1 to December 31 for the year purchased.

Sec. 2. Commercial Boat Launch Access.

- (a) "Commercial use" means a person, business, or contractor using the Town municipal launches, parking areas and ramps for the launching of a boat, barge, or other equipment, and the loading or unloading of construction materials from or onto watercraft to complete shoreline or pier work on Lauderdale or Pleasant Lakes. Such construction materials include, but are not limited to, building materials, earth, stone, timbers and pier lumber.

- (b) The commercial use of the Town of LaGrange municipal launches, parking areas and ramps is prohibited without a permit. Every person, business, or contractor shall obtain an annual permit prior to the commercial use of the Town of LaGrange municipal launches, parking areas and ramps. The permit shall be issued by the Town Clerk upon the filing of an application and the payment of the required fee. The application shall contain the name, address, telephone number and gross vehicle weight of the loads proposed to be handled by the commercial user at the municipal launch parking area and ramp. The exact nature, including the weight thereof, of the construction materials to be handled and the equipment proposed for handling must be stated in the application.
- (c) The permit holder is responsible for all damage it does to the Town-owned launch facilities, including the piers, parking lots and ramp areas, and will promptly reimburse the Town for all such damages. Any violation of this provision will result in the immediate revocation of the permit, the commencement of an action for the imposition of the standard penalties of this Code and/or an action for money damages.
- (d) The cost of a commercial boat launch permit shall be established by the Town Board at its (insert month) regular meeting every year.
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- (e) A commercial boat launch permit allows a person, business, or contractor to launch a boat, barge or other equipment required to complete shoreline or pier work on Lauderdale or Pleasant lakes and to occupy one launch site parking space for daylight hours only. Overnight parking is prohibited.
- (f) Launch site parking places are for vehicles only and no staging or placement of hardware or materials on, in or around the launch site shall be allowed at any time.
- (g) Any vehicles or equipment left on or at the launch site after 10pm will be immediately towed away at the owner's expense.
- (h) Barge operators shall not occupy the launch for (insert reasonable duration), thus limiting access by recreational users.
long periods of time

Sec. 3. Payment of Fees and Display of Permit.

- (a) Fees shall be paid in advance. Upon payment the person shall receive a permit.
- (b) Fees may be paid at the launch ramp or at the Town Hall either in person or by mail by sending a check or money order to the Town Clerk at P.O. Box 359, Whitewater WI 53190.
- (c) Every person or vehicle using the launch ramp shall either carry with them or display on the vehicle dashboard the permit that they receive when paying the fee.

Sec. 4. No Overnight Tie Up.

- (a) No person, business or contractor shall tie a watercraft to a launch ramp owned by the Town of LaGrange at any time from 11 PM to 5AM the following day. This prohibition

shall not apply to watercraft owned or operated by the Town of LaGrange, the Fire Department, or the Lauderdale Lakes Lake Association.

Sec. 5. - Items Allowed on Ramp.

- (a) No person, firm or association shall place anything on the launch ramp except watercraft, motor vehicles, and trailers.

Sec. 6. - Enforcement.

- (a) This ordinance may be enforced by the Walworth County Sheriff's Department and the Lake Patrol by issuing citations. Violations shall be punishable by a forfeiture in the amount of a minimum of \$25 up to a maximum of \$100. Each day of a violation takes place shall constitute a separate violation.
- (b) The Town shall have all remedies afforded by Wisconsin Statutes secs. 66.0113 and 66.0114, in addition to the forfeiture authority referenced above, including any applicable costs of prosecution, statutory fees, and court costs.

SECTION 2: Severability. The sections of this ordinance are declared to be severable. Should any sub-section, clause, or provision of this ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part declared invalid. The remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: Effective Date. This ordinance is effective upon publication or posting as provided by law.

This ordinance passed this 8th day of May 2023.

TOWN OF LAGRANGE

Frank Taylor
Frank Taylor, Chairman

ATTEST:

Crystal Hoffmann
Crystal Hoffman, Clerk

Published and/or posted this 16th day of May 2023.