

ORDINANCE No. 2026-01  
AN ORDINANCE CREATING ORDINANCE 2026-01  
BOAT LAUNCH ORDINANCE

The Town Board of the Town of Palmyra, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Palmyra Ordinance Number 2026-01 is hereby created to read as follows:

## **Boat Launch Ordinance (Ordinance Number 2026-01)**

An ordinance to regulate the use of the Town's public boat launch serving Blue Spring Lake.

- Title: BOAT LAUNCH ORDINANCE
- Effective upon date of adoption by the Town Board
- Category: Lakes
- Location: Town of Palmyra, Jefferson County, State of Wisconsin
- Ordinance Number: 2026-01
- Authority: The Town Board, at the request of the Blue Spring Lake Management District under the authority granted under Wis. Statute 30.77(3)(e) and NR 1.91, Wisconsin Administration Code hereby enacts this Ordinance as follows :

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### SECTION 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 Palmyra located on Blue Spring Lake without prepayment of the following fees :

1. Per Day Watercraft Fee (entitling the holder to launch watercraft for one day); or
2. Per Season Fee (entitling the holder unlimited launches from January 1 to December 31);

B. The amount of fees established by the Town Board are as follows:

1. For all boats less than 26 feet in length :
  - 1) Daily Launch Fee: \$8.00. Valid until 11:59 P.M. on the day the watercraft is launched.
  - 2) Seasonal Launch Fee: \$40.00.
2. For all boats 26 feet or more in length :
  - 1) Daily Launch Fee: \$20.00. Valid until 11:59 P.M. on the day the watercraft is launched.
  - 2) Seasonal Launch Fee: \$200.00.

C. A person who owns multiple boats can launch all of his or her boats with purchase of a single launch permit.

The Town Board may adjust the fees from time to time by motion.

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### SECTION 2. 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 only as follows :

- Daily Fee. At the launch ramp's self paying lock box in cash.
- Seasonal Launch Fee. At the launch ramp's self paying lock box in cash, or by check or money order to the Blue Spring Lake Management District, P.O. Box F, Palmyra, WI 53156.

C. Every person or vehicle using the launch ramp shall either carry with him or her or display on his or her vehicle dashboard, the permit received when payment of the fee is made.

D. Launch fees are required only if you will be using the launch to physically launch your trailered watercraft. If your watercraft is not trailered, and you are carrying the equipment into the water such as you would do with a kayak, canoe, or stand-up paddle board, a launch fee is not required.

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### SECTION 3. NO OVERNIGHT TIE-UP

No person, firm, or association shall tie a watercraft to a launch ramp owned by the Town of Palmyra on Blue Spring Lake at any time from 8:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. the following day, or at any time if such watercraft is left unattended.

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### SECTION 4. ITEMS ALLOWED ON RAMP

No person, firm, entity, or association shall place anything on the launch ramp except watercrafts, and the motor vehicles and trailers needed to launch said watercraft.

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### SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT

This ordinance may be enforced by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department by issuing citations. Violations shall be punishable by a forfeiture in the amount of a minimum of **\$100.00** up to a maximum of **\$300.00** for second and additional violations. Each day a violation takes place shall be a separate violation. Failure to pay the forfeiture may result in incarceration and other sanctions against the responsible person(s) in accordance with applicable law.

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### SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY AND REPEAL

- 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 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 Palmyra are hereby repealed.


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## ADOPTION DETAILS

- Adopted on Motion of: Gajewski
- Seconded by: Montgomery
- AYES: Montgomery, Gajewski. NOES: None. ADOPTED: May 11, 2026

Approved

  
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Josh Gajewski, Town Chair

  
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Michele Smith, Town Clerk