

**Ordinance #2024-1**  
**Boat Launch Ordinance**  
**TOWN OF PRAIRIE LAKE, BARRON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**SECTION I - PURPOSE**

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish rules and regulations for the public boat launches in the Town for safety, environmental protection and with due consideration for the recreational value.

**SECTION II - AUTHORITY**

This Ordinance is adopted under the statutory authority granted pursuant to the Village Powers of the Town of Prairie Lake and §§ 60.22, and 60.24, Wisconsin Statutes.

**SECTION III – BOAT LAUNCH RAMPS**

Launching of boats and other motorized watercrafts shall be allowed by members of the public at the existing boat ramps. The Town shall impose a fee for the use of the below described boat ramps. An annual launch/landing pass may be purchased for a fee. Signs shall be posted in the vicinity of the boat ramp advising the public of this allowable use and the fees imposed. It shall be unlawful for any member of the public to:

- a. Utilize the Town’s boat ramp and launch a boat or watercraft without paying the proper fee.
- b. To leave a vehicle parked and/or unattended on the boat ramp.
- c. To park a vehicle and/or trailer in an area not designated for said purpose.
- d. Power launch and/or recovery or watercraft driven onto or off trailers by the watercraft’s propulsion system. This means that launched vessels must be floated and the trailer then pulled out from beneath; and the recovered vessels must be floated or pulled onto trailer by winch or other mechanism.

**SECTION IV ENFORCEMENT**

This ordinance may be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the Town of Prairie Lake, Barron County or the State of Wisconsin.

**SECTION V PENALTIES**

The following schedule or deposits is established use with citations issued under this ordinance.

**Nonpayment of each fee; Sec. 2(a) = \$150.00 plus current court costs**

**Power Loading/unloading; Sec. 2(d) = \$250.00 plus current court costs**

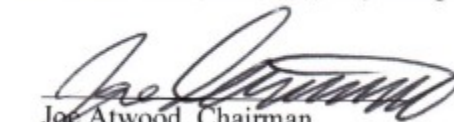
**General Rule Violation’s; Sec. 2(b, c) = \$100.00 plus current court costs**

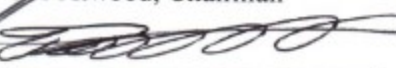
**SECTION VI – EFFECTIVE DATE**

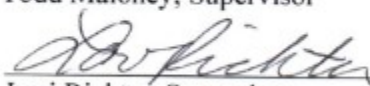
This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by the Town Board and publishing or posting as provided by law.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024

  
Megan Giles, Clerk/Treasurer

  
Joe Atwood, Chairman

  
Todd Maloney, Supervisor

  
Lori Richter, Supervisor