

TOWNSHIP OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO, STATE OF MICHIGAN
SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 186

Adopted: February 9, 1999

Effective: March 19, 1999

HOGSETT AND GOURDNECK LAKES CHANNEL
WATERCRAFT SAFETY ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to protect the public health, safety and welfare by regulating the speed and use of vessels/watercraft in the channel between Hogsett Lake and Gourdneck Lake; and to provide penalties for violations thereof.

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ORDAINS:

SECTION I

TITLE

This Ordinance may be cited and known as the Schoolcraft Township Hogsett and Gourdneck Lakes Channel Watercraft Safety Ordinance.

SECTION II

ENABLING AUTHORITY

This Ordinance is enacted as a special local watercraft rules ordinance pursuant to Section 80110 et seq. of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (MCL 324.80110 et seq.).

SECTION III

DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases used in this Ordinance shall have the prescribed meanings:

- A. "Vessel" means every description of watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.
- B. "Slow-no wake speed" means a very slow speed whereby the wake or wash created by a vessel is minimal.
- C. "Hogsett Lake" and "Gourdneck Lake" shall mean the lakes commonly known thereby situated in land Sections 3 and 4, T4S, R11W, Schoolcraft Township, Kalamazoo County, State of Michigan.

SECTION IV

WATERCRAFT SAFETY RULES (Regulation No. 39 - KALAMAZOO COUNTY)

WC-39-99-002 CHANNEL CONNECTING HOGSETT AND GOURDNECK LAKES: SLOW -- NO WAKE SPEED

On the waters of the channel connecting Hogsett and Gourdneck Lakes, sections 3 and 4, town 4 south, range 11 west, Schoolcraft Township, Kalamazoo County, State of Michigan, it is unlawful for the operator of a vessel to exceed a slow--no wake speed.

The boundaries of the area described immediately above shall be marked with signs and with buoys. All buoys must be placed as provided in a permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources and be in conformance with the State Uniform Waterway Marking System.

SECTION V

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

Violation of any provision of this Ordinance, or the aiding or abetting of same, is a misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by a fine of not more than \$500 and/or 90 days in jail.

SECTION VI

SEVERABILITY

This Ordinance and its various parts are hereby declared to be severable. If any part of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court the remainder of the Ordinance shall be unaffected.

SECTION VII

NON-REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 82

This Ordinance shall not be construed to repeal any provision of Ordinance No. 82, effective August 16, 1981.

SECTION VIII

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after publication as required by law.

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP
Kathleen Cook, Clerk