

Chapter 12
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12.01 **DECALS** *Amended by Ords. 2018-11, 2005-03, 2000-21, 1996-97-6, 1995-96-31*

All designated watercraft which are operated on Crystal Lake shall display a current "Lake Usage Decal." Annual decal fees shall be \$20.00 for paddleboats or similar watercraft that are powered by human power. All other watercraft decal annual fees shall be \$30.00. The cost of replacement decals shall be \$1.00. Replacement decals may be issued for watercraft purchased to replace watercraft for which a decal has been issued. The future cost of said decal shall be determined annually as part of the budget process.

12.02 **WAKE ZONES**

Portions of Crystal Lake shall be designated as wake areas, and shall be defined as the portion of the lake lying within the confines of buoys. Buoys shall be placed at a depth of approximately eight feet of water, provided that the Patrol Coordinator or Patrol Agency may approve exceptions to the eight foot depth to accommodate a smooth alignment of the buoys; but in no case shall buoys be located in less than five feet of water.

12.03 **WAKE/NO WAKE TIMES** *Amended, 2007-30*

A. Wake hours shall be as follows:

1. Sundays and Holidays, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
2. Mondays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
3. Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
4. Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
5. Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
6. Fridays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
7. Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

B. "Holidays" shall mean Memorial Day, Monday; Independence Day and Labor Day.

C. Wake/no wake hours set forth herein shall be in effect only during the period of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, inclusive.

D. Suspension of Wake Hours: Wake/no wake hours shall be automatically suspended as soon and for as long as the water level of Crystal Lake is more than 9 inches higher than the level of the spillway, as measured by the Patrol Agency. As soon as the Patrol Agency determines

the water level has risen to more than 9 inches over the level of the spillway, it shall (i) immediately notify the Village Board; (ii) post signs at all private beaches and public entrances to Crystal Lake, which signs shall inform lake users of the immediate suspension of wake hours; and (iii) post other such signage or take such other actions to inform the public as to the suspension of the wake hours as the Village Board may request.

E. Applicability: The provisions of this Section shall not be applicable to the Patrol Agency.

12.04 COUNTERCLOCKWISE TRAVEL

All motor driven watercraft operating above no wake speed shall travel in a general counterclockwise direction around the lake.

12.05 SPEED LIMIT

No boat shall be operated on Crystal Lake at speeds in excess of 40 miles per hour at any time.

12.06 JET SKIS/PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

Jet skis and personal watercraft shall be subject to the same regulations as any other engine-powered watercraft, including requirements concerning the age of the operator, direction of travel, no wake times and appropriate safety practices.

12.07 WATERCRAFT OPERATION

All boats shall operate in conformance with the Boating and Registration and Safety Act of the State of Illinois, 625 ILCS 45/1-1, *et seq.*, which shall be and is hereby adopted by reference as the rules and regulations for the use of watercraft on Crystal Lake in all respects not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter.

12.08 SWIMMING AND FLOATATION DEVICES

It shall be unlawful to swim or use recreational floatation devices (such as air mattresses) within the designated wake zones unless accompanied by a manned watercraft or a watercraft at anchor.

12.09 SPECIAL USE PERMITS

Parties interested in special shows, regattas, races or special lake activities shall first obtain a special use permit from the Patrol Coordinator or Patrol Agency which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Patrol must be arranged for weekend special uses.

12.10 LANDING OF AIRCRAFT *Ord. 1999-26*

Except in an emergency pursuant to FAA regulations, no person shall land or take off with any airplane from the waters of Crystal Lake within the jurisdiction of the Village.

12.11 PENALTIES

Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this chapter shall be, upon conviction, fined a sum not to exceed \$500.00 for each separate offense.