

ORDINANCE NO. 4280

AN ORDINANCE relating to boating and regulating the use and safety of boating upon the waters of Lake Meridian; amending Ordinance 2802, Section 1, Resolution 16588 and KCC 12.44.250.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 2802, Section 1; Resolution 16588 and KCC 12.44.250 are hereby amended as follows:

Lake Meridian restrictions. The following rules and regulations are adopted for the use of motor-operated watercraft on Lake Meridian:

(1) It is unlawful to use or operate any watercraft powered by an internal combustion engine on Lake Meridian, except that the following engines will be permitted:

(A) Water cooled outboard engines of stock manufacture or stock manufactured inboard engines with outboard drive units which vent all exhaust gases through the lower drive unit in conjunction with cooling water and/or vent at a point on the drive unit which is under water at all times;

(B) Air-cooled outboard or inboard engines of stock manufacture rated by the manufacturer at ten horsepower or less (~~((and-equipped-with-mufflers-to-suppress-exhaust-noises))~~).

The operation of watercraft powered by engines which are worn, damaged or modified in such a manner as to permit the noise level of exhaust gases or air intake devices to be increased above (~~((that-designed-by-the-manufacture))~~) 74 decibels on the dB(A) scale is prohibited.

(2) Water skiing will be limited to the hours of nine a.m. to six p.m.

~~((3)--No-watercraft-shall-operate-in-excess-of-eight-miles-per-hour-after-sundown-and-until-the-hour-of-nine-a.m.))~~

(3) No watercraft shall operate in excess of eight miles per hour after six p.m. until the hour of nine a.m. and not in excess of thirty-five miles per hour from nine a.m. to six p.m.

1                   (~~(4)~~--Between-the-hours-of-nine-a.m.-and-sundown,  
2 watercraft-will-be-allowed-to-operate-at-speeds-of-up-to-twenty  
3 miles-per-hour.)

4                   (~~(5)~~) (4) Watercraft exceeding speeds of eight miles  
5 per hour shall remain at least two hundred feet from the  
6 shoreline and one hundred feet from other watercraft and swimmers  
7 and shall proceed around the lake in a counterclockwise  
8 direction.

9                   (~~(6)~~) (5) Craft towing water skiers shall carry  
10 (~~(an)~~) a competent observer in addition to the driver or  
11 operator.

12                   (~~(7)~~) (6) All water skiers will wear a (~~(lifebelt~~  
13 ~~capable-of-keeping-them-afloat)~~) United States Coast Guard  
14 approved personal floatation device.

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16                   (~~(8)~~) (7) All boats operating on Lake Meridian shall  
17 carry a United States Coast Guard approved life preserver or  
18 (~~(safety)~~) throwable cushion in good condition for each person in  
19 the craft.

20                   (~~(9)~~) (8) All persons in watercraft towing skiers  
21 will remain seated at all times.

22                   (~~(10)~~) (9) Motor-operated watercraft operating after  
23 sundown shall be equipped and have lit proper running lights.

24                   (~~(11)~~) (10) All watercraft shall be operated in a  
25 proper manner and there shall be no stunting, burning doughnuts  
26 or squirreling allowed in order that the lives and property of  
27 others be protected.

28                   (11) The anchorage or moorage of unoccupied watercraft is  
29 prohibited except when tied to a pier with the permission of the  
30 pier owner.

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1 Any violation of this section constitutes a  
2 misdemeanor, and such violation shall be punished as provided by  
3 the statutes of the state of Washington for the commission of a  
4 misdemeanor.

5 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 13<sup>th</sup> day of  
6 February, 1979.

7 PASSED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1979.

8 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
9 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

10 Ruby Chow  
11 Chairman

12 ATTEST:

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14 Deborah M. Brown  
15 Deputy Clerk of the Council

16 APPROVED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1979.

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18 [Signature]  
19 King County Executive