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ORDINANCE NO. **12952**

AN ORDINANCE relating to Lake Sawyer boating restrictions and amending Ordinance 1239, Section 3, and King County Code 12.44.260, as amended.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 1239, Section 3, and King County Code 12.44.260, is

hereby amended as follows:

Lake Sawyer restrictions. A. The following rules and regulations shall be adopted for use of motor-operated watercraft on Lake Sawyer:

1. It is unlawful to use or operate any watercraft powered by an internal combustion engine on Lake Sawyer, 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. Direct drive inboard engines equipped with a muffler or silencer of sufficient size and capacity to effectively muffle and reduce noise as referenced in K.C.C. 12.87.170, 12.91.020 and WAC 173-70-040, as amended;

1 c. Air-cooled outboard or inboard engines of stock manufacture rated by the
2 manufacturer at ten horsepower or less and equipped with mufflers to suppress exhaust
3 noises.

4 The operation of watercraft powered by engines which are worn, damaged or
5 modified in such a manner as to permit the noise level of exhaust gases or air intake
6 devices to be increased above seventy-four decibels on the db(A) scale is prohibited.

7 2. Except as otherwise specifically provided for in this chapter, it is unlawful for any
8 person to operate a motor-powered watercraft on Lake Sawyer in excess of eight miles per
9 hour.

10 3. Watercraft will be permitted to operate at speeds not to exceed thirty-six miles per
11 hour during the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays and from
12 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays; provided, watercraft
13 operating in excess of eight miles per hour with or without skier in tow shall remain at least
14 two hundred feet from any and all shorelines and one hundred feet from other watercraft
15 and persons; provided further, watercraft operating in excess of eight miles per hour shall
16 proceed around the lake in a counterclockwise direction.

17 B. Water skiing on Lake Sawyer shall be regulated as follows:

18 1. No watercraft which has in tow a person on water skis, aquaplane, surfboard or
19 similar contrivance shall be operated or propelled unless such watercraft is occupied by at
20 least two competent persons.

21 2. All water skiers shall take off and return to designated floats placed on the lake.
22 Buoys shall be placed two hundred feet from shore around the lake. (~~Floats and buoys are~~

1 ~~to be provided and maintained by water skiers, under the supervision of the Lake Sawyer~~
2 ~~community club.))~~

3 3. No operator of a watercraft shall have in tow a person on water skis, aquaplane,
4 surfboard or similar contrivance after sunset.

5 4. All persons being towed by watercraft shall wear personal flotation devices that
6 are a type approved by the U.S. Coast Guard.

7 C. Any person who negligently operates any watercraft in a manner so as to endanger
8 or be likely to endanger any person or property, or at a rate of speed greater than will
9 permit him in the exercise of reasonable care to bring the watercraft to a stop within
10 assured clear distance ahead, is guilty of negligent operation and a violation of this chapter.

11 D. Any person who operates any watercraft in a reckless manner so as to endanger
12 the life or limb or damage the property of any person is guilty of the crime of reckless
13 operation and a violation of this chapter.

14 E. It is unlawful for any person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or
15 narcotic or habit-forming drugs to operate or be in physical control of any watercraft;
16 further, it is unlawful for the owner of any watercraft or any person having such in charge
17 or in control to authorize or knowingly permit the same to be operated by any person who
18 is under the influence of intoxicating liquor, narcotic or habit-forming drugs.

19 F. Unless specifically provided for in this chapter, all provisions of the King County
20 boating code as now exists, including operation of personal watercraft, or hereafter is
21 amended will apply to all watercraft operating on Lake Sawyer.

22 G. Any violation of this chapter shall be administered in a manner consistent with
23 K.C.C. 12.44.570, as it currently reads or is revised.

1 H. The director of the King County department of public safety shall cause to be,
2 posted at all public and commercial access areas to Lake Sawyer a complete copy or
3 reproduction of this section.

4 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 1st day of
5 December, 1997.

6 PASSED by a vote of 11 to 0 on this 15th day of December,
7 1997.

8 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
9 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

10 Jane Hogue
11 Chair

12 ATTEST:

13 Amerson
14 Clerk of the Council

15 APPROVED this 19 day of December, 1997.

16 Isabel Amos
17 King County Executive
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19 Attachments:
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