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ORDINANCE NO. 2802

AN ORDINANCE relating to the operation of watercraft on Lake Meridian; declaring use of certain internal combustion engines to be unlawful; amending KCC 12.44.250 and Resolution 16588; prescribing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. KCC 12.44.250 and resolution 16588 are hereby amended to read 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 manufacturer is prohibited.

((+1)) (2) Water skiing will be limited to the hours of nine a.m. to six p.m.

((+2)) (3) No watercraft shall operate in excess of eight miles per hour after sundown and until the hour of nine a.m.

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

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~~((4))~~ (5) Watercraft exceeding speeds of eight miles per hour shall remain at least two hundred feet from the shoreline and one hundred feet from other watercraft and swimmers.

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

~~((6))~~ (7) All water skiers will wear a lifebelt capable of keeping them afloat.

~~((7))~~ (8) All boats operating on Lake Meridian shall carry a life preserver or safety cushion for each person in the craft.

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

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

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

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

1 SECTION 2. The County Council finds as a fact and declares
 2 that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is necessary for
 3 the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or
 4 for the support of county government and its existing public
 5 institutions.

6 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 26~~th~~ day of
 7 July, 1976.

8 PASSED this 26~~th~~ day of July, 1976.

10 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
 11 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

12 David Mooney
 13 Chairman

14 ATTEST:

15 Beverly M. Owens
 16 Clerk of the Council

17 APPROVED this 28th day of July, 1976.

18 [Signature]
 19 King County Executive