

ORDINANCE NO. 2803

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2 AN ORDINANCE relating to the operation of
3 watercraft on Lake Sawyer; declaring use of
4 certain internal combustion engines to be
5 unlawful; amending KCC 12.44.240 and
6 Ordinance 1239, Sections 2 through 9;
7 prescribing penalties; and declaring an
8 emergency.

9 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

10 SECTION 1. KCC 12.44.240 and Ordinance 1239, Sections 2
11 through 9 are hereby amended to read as follows:

12 Lake Sawyer Restrictions. (a) the following rules and
13 regulations shall be adopted for use of motor operated watercraft
14 on Lake Sawyer:

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

18 a. Water-cooled outboard engines of stock manufacture or
19 stock manufactured inboard engines with outboard drive units
20 which vent all exhaust gases through the lower drive unit in
21 conjunction with cooling water and/or vent at a point on the
22 drive unit which is under water at all times.

23 b. Air-cooled outboard or inboard engines of stock
24 manufacture rated by the manufacturer at ten horsepower or less
25 and equipped with mufflers to suppress exhaust noises.

26 The operation of watercraft powered by engines which are
27 worn, damaged or modified in such a manner as to permit the noise
28 level of exhaust gases or air intake devices to be increased
29 above that designed by the manufacturer is prohibited.

30 ((+1)) (2) Except as otherwise specifically provided
31 for in this chapter, it is unlawful for any person to operate a
32 motor-powered watercraft on Lake Sawyer in excess of eight miles
33 per hour.

34 ((+2)) (3) Watercraft will be permitted to operate at
35 speeds not to exceed thirty miles per hour during the hours of
36 two p.m. to seven p.m. on Mondays through Fridays and from

1 eleven a.m. to three p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays;
2 provided, watercraft operating in excess of eight miles per hour
3 with or without skier in tow shall remain at least two hundred
4 feet from any and all shorelines and one hundred feet from other
5 watercraft and persons; provided further, watercraft operating in
6 excess of eight miles per hour shall proceed around the lake in a
7 counterclockwise direction.

8 (b) Water skiing on Lake Sawyer shall be regulated as
9 follows:

10 (1) No watercraft which has in tow a person on water
11 skis, aquaplane, surfboard or similar contrivance shall be operated
12 or propelled unless such watercraft is occupied by at least two
13 competent persons.

14 (2) All water skiers shall take off and return to
15 designated floats placed on the lake. Buoys shall be placed two
16 hundred feet from shore around the lake. Floats and buoys are to
17 be provided and maintained by water skiers, under the supervision
18 of the Lake Sawyer community club.

19 (3) No operator of a watercraft shall have in tow a
20 person on water skis, aquaplane, surfboard or similar contrivance
21 after sunset.

22 (4) All persons being towed by watercraft shall wear
23 an adequate flotation life belt or vest.

24 (c) Any person who negligently operates any watercraft
25 in a manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person
26 or property, or at a rate of speed greater than will permit him
27 in the exercise of reasonable care to bring the watercraft to a
28 stop within assured clear distance ahead, is guilty of negligent
29 operation and a violation of this chapter.

30 (d) Any person who operates any watercraft in a reckless
31 manner so as to endanger the life or limb or damage the property
32 of any person is guilty of the crime of reckless operation and a
33 violation of this chapter.

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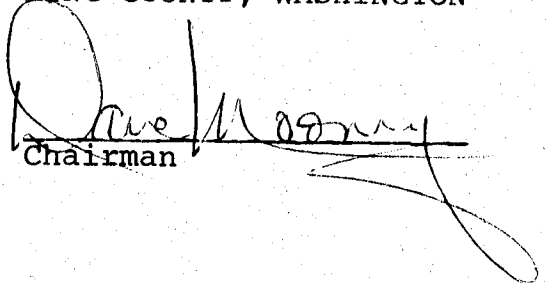
SECTION 2. The County Council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 26th day of

July, 1976.

PASSED this 26th day of July, 1976.

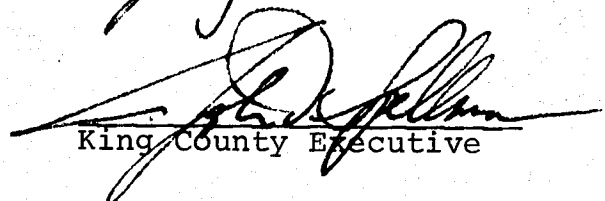
KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chairman

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 28th day of July, 1976.


King County Executive