

ORDINANCE NO. 3304

AN ORDINANCE relating to boating regulations on Lake Sawyer; amending Ordinance 2803, Section 1 and KCC 12.44.240;

and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 2803, Section 1 and KCC 12.44.240 are 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: PROVIDED THAT, the Department of Public Safety, having promulgated standards and procedures in accordance with KCC 2.98 prior to enforcement, is authorized to issue and/or revoke conditional use permits to the owners for those watercraft that comply with specified standards of operation but whose engine drive unit and/or exhaust does not strictly adhere to requirements of mechanical operation.

(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.

(2) Except as otherwise specifically provided for in this chapter, it is unlawful for any person to operate a motor

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1 powered watercraft on Lake Sawyer in excess of eight miles per
2 hour.

3 (3) Watercraft will be permitted to operate at speeds
4 not to exceed thirty miles per hour during the hours of two P.M.
5 to seven P.M. on Mondays through Fridays and from eleven A.M. to
6 three P.M. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays; provided,
7 watercraft operating in excess of eight miles per hour with or
8 without skier in tow shall remain at least two hundred feet from
9 any and all shorelines and one hundred feet from other watercraft
10 and persons; provided further, watercraft operating in excess of
11 eight miles per hour shall proceed around the lake in a
12 counterclockwise direction.

13 (b) Water skiing on Lake Sawyer shall be regulated as
14 follows:

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

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

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

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

29 (c) Any person who negligently operates any watercraft
30 in a manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person,
31 or property, or at a rate of speed greater than will permit him
32 in the exercise of reasonable care to bring the watercraft to a
33 stop within assured clear distance ahead, is guilty of negligent

1 operation and a violation of this chapter.

2 (d) Any person who operates any watercraft in a
3 reckless manner so as to endanger the life or limb or damage the
4 property of any person is guilty of the crime of reckless opera-
5 tion and a violation of this chapter.

6 (e) It is unlawful for any person who is under the
7 influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic or habit-forming
8 drugs to operate or be in physical control of any watercraft;
9 further, it is unlawful for the owner of any watercraft or any
10 person having such in charge or in control to authorize or
11 knowingly permit the same to be operated by any person who is
12 under the influence of intoxicating liquor, narcotic or habit-
13 forming drugs.

14 (f) Unless specifically provided for in this chapter,
15 all provisions of the King County boating code as now exists or
16 hereafter is amended will apply to all watercraft operating on
17 Lake Sawyer.

18 (g) Any violation of this chapter constitutes a
19 misdemeanor, and such violation shall be punished as provided by
20 the statutes of the state of Washington for the commission of a
21 misdemeanor.

22 (h) The director of the King County Department of
23 Public Safety shall cause to be posted at all public and
24 commercial access areas to Lake Sawyer a complete copy or
25 reproduction of this section.
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1 SECTION 2. The County Council finds as a fact and declares
2 that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is necessary
3 for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety
4 or for the support of county government and its existing public
5 institutions.

6 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 27th day of
7 June, 1977.

8 PASSED this 18th day of July, 1977.

9 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
10 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

11 *Mike Lowry*
12 Chairman

14 ATTEST:

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16 *Dorothy M. Owens*
17 Deputy Clerk of the Council

18 APPROVED this 21st day of July, 1977.

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20 *John D. Spillman*
21 King County Executive

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