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Introduced by: Kent Pullen

Proposed No.: 91-499

ORDINANCE NO. **10024**

AN ORDINANCE relating to boating and regulating the use and safety of boating upon the waters of Lake Meridian; amending Resolution 16588, and K.C.C. 12.44.270.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 4280, Section 1 and K.C.C. 12.44.270 are hereby amended as follows:

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

A. 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:

1. 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; or watercooled 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.

2. Air-cooled outboard or inboard engines of stock manufacture rated by the manufacturer at ten horsepower or less.

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 seventy-four decibels on the dB(a) scale is prohibited. Waterskiers are prohibited from starting or stopping within 200 feet of the county-owned shoreline of Lake Meridian Park which includes the swimming beach and boat launching areas of the park.

B. Water skiing will be limited to the hours of nine a.m. to six p.m.

C. 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 (~~p.m.~~)a.m. to six p.m.

D. Watercraft exceeding speeds of eight miles per hour shall remain at two hundred feet from the shoreline and one hundred feet from other watercraft and swimmers and shall proceed around the lake in a counterclockwise direction.

E. Craft towing water skiers shall carry a competent observer in addition to the driver or operator.

F. All water skiers will wear a United States Coast Guard approved personal flotation device.

G. All boats operating on Lake Meridian shall carry a United States Coast Guard approved life preserver or throwable cushion in good condition for each person in the craft.

H. All persons in watercraft towing skiers will remain seated at all times.

I. Motor-operated watercraft operating after sundown shall be equipped and have lit proper running lights.

J. Reckless operation as specified in K.C.C. 12.44.050, as amended.

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.

K. Negligent operation as specified in K.C.C. 12.44.040 as amended.

L. The anchorage or moorage of unoccupied watercraft is prohibited except when tied to a pier with the permission of the pier owner.

M. No remote controlled watercraft powered by internal combustion engines shall operate before 9:00 A.M. or after 6:00 P.M.

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

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1991.

PASSED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1991.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lois North  
Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Peterson  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1991.

Jim Hill  
King County Executive