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ORDINANCE NO. **12648**

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AN ORDINANCE relating to boating restrictions on Lake Sawyer; amending Ordinance 1239 sections 2-9, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.44.260.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 1239 sections 2-9, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.44.260

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are hereby amended to read as follows:

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Lake Sawyer restrictions. A. The following rules and regulations shall be

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adopted for use of motor-operated watercraft on Lake Sawyer:

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1. It is unlawful to use or operate any watercraft powered by an internal

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combustion engine on Lake Sawyer, except that the following engines will be permitted:

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a. Water-cooled outboard engines of stock manufacture or stock manufactured

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inboard engines with outboard drive units which vent all exhaust gases through the lower

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drive unit in conjunction with cooling water and/or vent at a point on the drive unit which

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is under water at all times; (~~provided, that the department of public safety, having~~

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~~promulgated standards and procedures in accordance with Chapter 2.98 prior to enforcement,~~

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~~is authorized to issue and/or revoke conditional use permits to the owners for those watercraft~~

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~~that comply with specified standards of operation but whose engine drive unit and/or exhaust~~

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~~does not strictly adhere to requirements of mechanical operation.)) b. direct drive inboard~~

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engines equipped with a muffler or silencer of sufficient size and capacity, to effectively

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muffle and reduce noise as referenced in K.C.C. 12.87.170, 12.91.020 and WAC 173-70-040,

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as amended.

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((b)) c. Air-cooled outboard or inboard engines of stock manufacture rated by the

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manufacturer at ten horsepower or less and equipped with mufflers to suppress exhaust

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noises;

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The operation of watercraft powered by engines which are worn, damaged or modified

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in such a manner as to permit the noise level of exhaust gases or air intake devices to be

1 increased above (~~that designed by the manufacturer~~) seventy-four (74) decibels on the  
2 db(A) scale is prohibited.

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

6 3. Watercraft will be permitted to operate at speeds not to exceed (~~thirty~~) thirty-  
7 six miles (36) per hour during the hours of two (2) p.m. to seven (7) p.m. on Mondays  
8 through Fridays and from eleven (11) a.m. to three (3) p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and  
9 holidays; provided, watercraft operating in excess of eight (8) miles per hour with or without  
10 skier in tow shall remain at least two hundred (200) feet from any and all shorelines and one  
11 hundred (100) feet from other watercraft and persons; provided further, watercraft operating  
12 in excess of eight (8) miles per hour shall proceed around the lake in a counterclockwise  
13 direction.

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

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

18 2. All water skiers shall take off and return to designated floats placed on the lake.  
19 Buoys shall be placed two hundred (200) feet from shore around the lake. Floats and buoys  
20 are to be provided and maintained by water skiers, under the supervision of the Lake Sawyer  
21 community club.

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

24 4. All persons being towed by watercraft shall wear (~~an adequate~~) personal  
25 floatation devices that are a type approved by the U.S. Coast Guard (~~floatation life belt or~~  
26 ~~vest~~)).

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
18 October, 1996.

19 PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February,  
20 1997

21 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
22 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

23 Jane Hege  
24 Chair  
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26 ATTEST:

27 Gerald A. Peterson  
28 Clerk of the Council

29 APPROVED this 6 day of March, 1997.

30 Judd Owens  
31 King County Executive

31 Attachments: