

TOWN OF LIBERTY GROVE  
ORDINANCE 5-05 (As amended by 15-1)

TO ESTABLISH RULES OF ORDER FOR THE TOWN LAUNCH RAMP

In order to maintain order and control of the Town launching facilities located within the Town of Liberty Grove, the Town Board, pursuant to Section 60.22(1), Wisconsin statutes, does hereby ordain as follows:

Ordinances 2-92 and 1-94 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 1. Fees.

- A. A daily fee shall be charged for ramp use.
  - 1. Daily fee is to allow unlimited use of the ramp for launching and takeout upon payment of the fee, as determined by the Town Board, during the 24 hour period from 12 midnight to 12 midnight.
- B. The daily fee shall be paid to the harbormaster or deposited in the designated lockbox adjacent to the ramp preceding launch or following takeout. Failure to do so shall be deemed refusal to pay.
- C. The fee schedule:
  - 1. Non-commercial daily fee, seasonal fee, seasonal dockage, overnight dockage, and parking: shall be determined by the Town Board and may be changed without amendment to this ordinance.
  - 2. Commercial daily fee or seasonal fee, for those engaged in the business of launch and storage of boats: to be determined by the Town Board.
  - 3. Electricity: shall be included in the dockage fee.
  - 4. Short term docking of less than one day shall be allowed with the fee to be determined by the Town Board.

Sec. 2. The Harbormaster

- A. A Town employee (Harbormaster) shall be stationed at the launch ramp to collect fees and direct boat traffic. This person shall determine order of launch, overnight dockage, and maintain order at the site.

Sec. 3. Dockage and Slip Rental.

- A. Seasonal dockage shall be paid by April 1 of the year of rental. Delinquencies shall be notified by certified mail. If, after 10 days from notification those delinquent do not respond, their slip shall be deemed forfeited. Succeeding individuals on the waiting list shall then be offered slip rental, and shall have 10 days from notification to pay the full fee. Non payment shall be deemed forfeiture.
- B. The Clerk/Administrator shall designate the slip to be rented by boaters.
- C. Boats may be moved to a new slip when necessary upon discretion of the harbormaster.
- D. Prior to vacating a slip for any period of time greater than one day the renter shall notify the harbormaster of the length of absence. The Town may rent the slip on a nightly basis during this absence with the proceeds staying with the Town.

E. Written notice shall be given to the Clerk/Administrator of intent to permanently vacate a slip.

F. A good faith attempt shall be made by seasonal and transient dockers to properly secure their vessel to the pier. A minimum of 5/8 inch line shall be used both fore and aft, with a proper springer line to secure the mooring. If a person refuses to properly secure their vessel they will be asked to vacate the slip.

#### Sec. 4. Launching.

A. Launching shall be on a first come, first served basis. The harbormaster shall determine launch priority when a difference arises as to proper order.

B. Upon launch, the boat shall be moved away from the launch area prior to loading of equipment to facilitate the next boat launching.

C. A “no wake” speed shall be observed within the harbor and to a distance of 200 feet past the outer breakwall.

#### Sec. 5. Parking.

A. Parking of autos and trailers shall be at the discretion of the harbormaster. When the lot becomes full, boaters shall be directed to an alternate site.

B. Overnight parking shall be allowed with prior permission from the harbormaster.

C. Parking shall be limited to launch ramp/dock users.

D. Guests of adjoining property may park to load and unload their vehicles only. Prolonged parking (greater than ½ hour) shall be prohibited.

#### Sec. 6. Waiting List.

A. A waiting list shall be maintained by the Town office for determining slip rental. Written notice shall be given to get on or off the list.

B. A refundable fee of \$200 shall be deposited with the Town office in order to maintain a spot on the waiting list. This fee shall be refunded without interest if the boater wishes to remove his/her name from the list.

C. Preference shall be given to Town landowners when a slip becomes available. Verification of ownership of land shall be done through the Town office and assessor records.

#### Sec. 7. General Conduct.

A. Vehicle traffic shall observe safe and sound driving practices in the launch area parking lot—reckless driving such as, but not limited to squealing of tires and racing through the lot is prohibited.

B. Excessive noise from radios, car engines and group activities is expressly prohibited (including explosive devices).

C. Fishing between boats moored in seasonal slips and along the north wall shall be prohibited.

#### Sec. 8. Private Enterprises.

A. In keeping with the policy of enjoyment of public facilities by all citizens, any private activity for profit utilizing Town launch ramps shall be allowed by submitting

an application for a commercial boat launch permit to the Town of Liberty Grove clerk with ultimate approval, if necessary, by the Town board.

Sec. 9. Enforcement.

A. This ordinance may be enforced by the issuance of a citation to any violator of this ordinance by any Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff of the County of Door, State of Wisconsin, by any State of Wisconsin officer with police powers, or by any other law enforcement officer employed by the Town of Liberty Grove.

B. In the alternative, any forfeitures imposed by this ordinance may be sued for and recovered pursuant to Chapter 778, Wis. Stats., in the name of the Town of Liberty Grove.

Sec. 10. Penalties

A. Penalties for violations of provisions of this ordinance shall be not less than \$50 and not more than \$250 for each offense, plus the costs and disbursements of prosecution, plus loss of seasonal or transient docking privileges. Each violation of any section constitutes a separate offense.

Sec. 11. Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances in whole or in part of the Town of Liberty Grove which conflict with provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 12. Severance Clause. Provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses or phrases of the ordinance.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

Approved by the Liberty Grove Town Board this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2005.

*I, Walter L. Kalms, Clerk/Administrator of the Town of Liberty Grove, Door County, Wisconsin do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an ordinance that was adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2005 by the Liberty Grove Town Board.*

*Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2005*

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*Walter L. Kalms, Clerk/Administrator*