

CODE ORDINANCE

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 25-123**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMENDING MSB 17.59, LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION, TO UPDATE DEFINITIONS RELATED TO MOTORIZED AND PERSONAL WATERCRAFT.

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Borough Code.

Section 2. Amendment of section. MSB 17.59.005 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(A) For the purpose of this chapter the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

[(1)] • "Ice house" means a structure utilized for ice fishing and left on the frozen surface of a lake for a period of more than 24 hours.

[(2)] • "Motor vehicle" means an automotive vehicle with rubber tires for use on highways.

• "Motorized watercraft" means any watercraft that is powered or propelled by a force other than human muscular power, gravity, or wind. This includes, but is not limited to, vessels equipped with electric motors,

fuel-powered engines (such as gasoline or diesel), hybrid systems, jet propulsion units, or any other mechanical, chemical, or electrical means of propulsion, whether inboard or outboard.

[(3)] • "Motorized watercraft use" means the operation of watercraft powered or propelled by a force other than human muscular power, gravity, or wind. This definition does not include airplanes as motorized watercraft when landing, taking off, or taxiing on a water body.

[(4)] • "No wake" means the slowest possible speed a boat or personal watercraft can go and still provide maneuverability.

[(5)] • "Personal watercraft" means motorized watercraft [VEHICLES] known as jet skis, wave runners, and similar acrobatic or stunt equipment.

[(6)] • "Special permit" means a permit approved by the planning director for a special purpose and limited to a specific time to conduct an event that otherwise would involve activities in violation of one or more provisions of this chapter.

[(7)] • "Time share" means restrictions do not apply on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and all three-day weekends mandated by federal holiday (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day).


[(8)] • "Wake" means the track in the water left after the passage of a watercraft or other vehicle.

Section 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 3 day of February, 2025.


EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: Bowles, Nowers, McKee, Gamble, and Bernier

NO: Sumner and Fonov