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Snohomish County, Washington



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Amended
ORDINANCE NO. 88-015

AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE
SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE RELATING TO
RECREATIONAL WATER USE ACTIVITIES REGULATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED:

SECTION 1. Section 12.08.010 of the Snohomish County Code, adopted by Resolution on June 30, 1975, is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.08.010 Waterskiing Authorized. Due to the speed required for efficient planing action and large area of the lake required for maneuvering of vessels and persons being towed and the substantial interference with other water users, or danger of hazards, the operation of vessels for towing waterskiers and waterskiing is prohibited in all lakes in Snohomish County, except those in which such activity is expressly permitted by this section.

It is intended to prohibit such activity in all lakes having a surface area of less than one hundred acres and in upland lakes over one thousand five hundred feet in elevation and lakes being used as a public water supply.

In lakes permitting towing of waterskiers and waterskiing such activity may be conducted only during daylight hours.

Waterskiing activities which require the placement of buoys, jumps or floats will only be allowed when such fixtures are placed and maintained in accordance with a valid and current Aquatic Lands Use Permit or lease where such permits or leases are required by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. Snohomish County shall have no responsibility to establish or maintain such buoys, jumps or floats for waterskiing activities. Any individual may apply to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources for an Aquatic Lands Use Permit.

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The County Council may enact additional restrictions, but only as a result of a public notice and public hearing, which may restrict time of year, days of week, hours, and manner of operation in which such activity is permitted. (This paragraph shall not be construed to limit the authority granted by Chapter 12.32 of this title.)

Said restrictions are effective as to any lake only when signs or buoys advising of the restrictions have been placed. Lakes in which waterskiing is permitted are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Location</u>
Lake Stevens	1021.1	8 29 6
Lake Goodwin	546.8	33 31 4

Lakes in which waterskiing is conditionally permitted, provided that special regulations under Chapter 12.44 have been enacted, and conditioned further that all buoys, signs and marking devices contemplated by such regulations are in place and any other restrictions are observed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Location</u>
Lake Roesiger	352.2	28 29 7
Flowing Lake	134.8	2 28 6
Shoecraft	136.8	33 31 4

(Res. adopted June 30, 1975).

SECTION 2. Section 12.20.030 of the Snohomish County Code, adopted June 30, 1975, is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.20.030 Vessel Operators - Minimum Crew - Waterskiing.
 Every vessel towing waterskiers or other floating objects shall carry an observer in addition to the operator. Such observer shall be a minimum of ten (10) years of age, and shall have the duty of keeping a lookout for hazards to, or created by, the tow and of reporting same to the operator. All persons in motorboats traveling in excess of eight (8) miles per hour shall remain seated, unless such vessel is specifically designed for persons to not be seated while underway. (Res. adopted June 30, 1975.)

SECTION 3. Section 12.28.011 of the Snohomish County Code, adopted by Ordinance No. 86-026, March 19, 1986, is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.28.011 Boat Direction. It shall be unlawful to waterski or operate a self-propelled boat in excess of eight (8) miles per hour on any lake where such operation is lawful except in a counter-clockwise direction.

SECTION 4. Section 12.28.060 of the Snohomish County Code, adopted by Ordinance No. 86-026, March 19, 1986, is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.28.060 Private Buoys. It shall be unlawful for any non-governmental person or agency to place, maintain or allow any buoy in any lake in Snohomish County which does not meet the requirement of the Uniform State Waterway Marking System unless said buoy is approved under a current and valid Aquatic Lands Use Permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources except as provided herein. All such buoys shall be:

- 1) Spheric in shape;
- 2) Be constructed of a material that is pliable and will float even if saturated;
- 3) No less than thirty-six (36) inches in circumference;
- 4) Have sufficient weight or anchors to prevent drifting;
- 5) Have non-floating securing line;
- 6) Have permanently marked on it the name, address and telephone number of the owner of the buoy;
- 7) Be indelibly colored as follows:
 - (a) for marking swimming areas - fluorescent green;
 - (b) for marking waterski courses - international orange;
 - (c) for other private uses - bright yellow.

SECTION 5. There is added to the Snohomish County Code, Chapter 12.44, Special Regulations - Certain Lakes, a new section as follows:

12.44.040 Waterskiing Regulations - Lake Shoecraft

Waterskiing is permitted on Lake Shoecraft subject to the following special conditions:

1) Waterskiing shall be limited between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. of each day commencing fourteen (14) days after the opening day of fishing season to October 1st, and 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. of each day from October 1st to opening day of fishing season.

2) Motor boats exceeding the speed of eight miles per hour shall remain at least two hundred feet from any and all shorelines and one hundred feet from other watercraft and swimmers, and shall operate in a counterclockwise pattern.

3) All persons in motorboats towing skiers shall remain seated.

4) All skiing shall take place inside the buoys except when starting and returning skiers. Buoys shall be placed not less than 200 feet from shore.

5) Buoys shall be placed in the approximate locations shown on the map on file in the Council's Proceedings file of this date. Buoys must concur with State Uniform Marking System.

6) No more than four motorboats towing skiers are permitted within the ski area at one time.

7) These regulations are effective only when the buoys mentioned herein are in sound condition and in place. Snohomish County shall have no responsibility to establish or maintain any such equipment.

PASSED THIS 13th day of April, 1988.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

Shirley Bartholomew
Chairperson

Queenie VanCleave
asst. Clerk of the Council

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DATE: *April 19, 1988*
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