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**NO-WAKE ORDINANCE
TOWNSHIP OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
ord. no. 129 eff. July 21, 1989**

An Ordinance to regulate the speed of vessels and to provide for the safe use of the waters in Grand Haven Township; enacted pursuant to the authority of Public Act 303 of 1967, and consistent with the State Administrative Rules R281.770.6, R281.770.7, and R281.770.8.

THE TOWNSHIP OF GRAND HAVEN, OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN,
ORDAINS:

20.0501 Sec. 1 TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the "Grand Haven Township No-Wake Ordinance".
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20.0502 Sec. 2 INTERPRETATION; DEFINITIONS

All words and phrases used in this Ordinance shall be construed, interpreted and have the same meaning as those words and phrases have in Public Act 303 of 1967, being MCLA 281,770 et seq., as amended.
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20.0503 Sec. 3 NO-WAKE AREAS

It shall be unlawful for an operator of any vessel to exceed a slow-no-wake speed on any waters located in the following portions of the Township:

1. On the waters of the Grand River in Section 1, Town 7 North, Range 16 West; and in Sections 25, 26, 27, and 36, Town 8 North, Range 16 West, Grand Haven Township, Ottawa County, Michigan.
2. On the waters of Millhouse Bayou in Section 1, Town 7 North, Range 16 West, Grand Haven Township, Ottawa County, Michigan, from Mercury Drive to the waters of the Grand River.
3. On the waters of Pottawattomie Bayou in Section 36, Town 8 North, Range 16 West, Grand Haven Township, Ottawa County, Michigan for a distance of five hundred feet (500') westerly from the Grand River.
4. As used herein, the phrase "**slow-no-wake speed**", means a very slow speed at which the wake or wash created by the movement of the vessel through the water is minimal.

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20.0504 Sec. 4 VIOLATIONS

Any person, firm, or corporation which violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction. The sanction for a violation of this Ordinance shall be a civil fine of not less than \$50.00, plus costs and other sanctions. Increased civil fines may be imposed for repeated violations of this Ordinance by a person, firm, or corporation. A "repeat violation" of this Ordinance is a second or subsequent violation of this Ordinance committed by a person, firm, or corporation within six months of a prior violation of this Ordinance, and for which the person, firm, or corporation admits responsibility or is determined to be responsible. The sanction for a violation of this Ordinance which is a first repeat violation shall be a civil fine of not less than \$250.00, plus costs and other sanctions. The sanction for a violation of this Ordinance which is a second or subsequent repeat violation shall be a civil fine of not less than \$500.00, plus costs and other sanctions. The Township Supervisor, Township Superintendent (Township Manager), an authorized Township official, any law enforcement officer of the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department, any law enforcement officer of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the Township Attorney are authorized to issue municipal civil infraction citations for violations of this Ordinance.

(ord. no. 129 eff. July 21, 1989; amend. by ord. no. 220 eff. June 11, 1995; amend. by ord. no. 485 eff. Dec. 15, 2010)

20.0505 Sec. 5 REPEAL

All other Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

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20.0506 Sec. 6 MISCELLANEOUS

This Ordinance and the various parts, sections, subsections, provisions, sentences, and clauses are severable. If any part of this Ordinance is found to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected by such unconstitutionality or invalidity. The captions of the various sections are intended for convenience only and shall not be interpreted to be a part of the Ordinance.

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