

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL §20.08(2)(c) AND REPEAL AND RE-CREATE §20.08(2)(a) OF THE GENERAL CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF MERTON RELATING TO BOAT SPEED

The Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Merton, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 20.08(2)(c) of the General Code of Ordinances of the Town of Merton created by the Town of Merton by ordinance on the 13th day of May, 2008, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 20.08(2)(a) of the General Code of Ordinances of the Town of Merton is repealed and re-created to read:

20.08 LAKE KEESUS.

(2) SPEED RESTRICTIONS.

(a) Night Limit. No person shall operate a watercraft as defined in §30.01, Wis. Stats., at a speed in excess of slow no wake on Mondays through Fridays from sunset to 9:00 a.m. the following day and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 6:00 p.m. through 9:00 a.m. the following day.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage, posting and publication as required by law.

DATE: May 12, 2009

TOWN OF MERTON

By:   
Richard Morris, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Susan J. Oman, Clerk

Date Adopted: 5-12-09  
Date Published: 5-21-09  
Effective Date: 5-21-09

## CONDITION REPORT

The Lake Keesus Management District has worked diligently for months to recommend to the Town of Merton Town Board of Supervisors an appropriate regulation concerning a speed limit on weekends. The conclusion was that there should be no general speed limit on Lake Keesus except for the slow no wake limit proposed on Saturdays and Sundays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. the following day. Local conditions necessitated this regulation.

To give all users of Lake Keesus appropriate and reasonable use of the lake from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. the following day on Saturdays and Sundays was thought necessary to share the use of the water resource without conflicts between fishermen, speed boats, and casual boating. The lakeshore configuration of Lake Keesus with its many bays creates a concentration of boaters, as the bays create constricted areas. It is the consensus of the Town Board, the Water Safety Patrol, the Supervisor of the Water Safety Patrol, and hopefully the warden that this regulation is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare. The adoption of this slow no wake speed from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays will make the speed on Lake Keesus consistent with the existing limitation on water skiing during those hours.