

# Washington County, Minnesota Ordinances

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## Ordinance No. 132

### An Ordinance Regulating the Surface Use of Sylvan Lake and Repealing Ordinance No. 12

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Be it ordained and enacted by the Washington County Board of Commissioners, State of Minnesota, this ordinance following, by this act, hereby replaces and nullifies Washington County Ordinance No. 12, which, upon enactment, shall become Washington County Ordinance No. 132.

#### **Section 1: Purpose, Intent and Application:**

As authorized by Minnesota Statutes 86B.205 AND Minnesota Rules 6110.300 - 6100.3800 as now in effect and as may hereafter be amended, this Ordinance is enacted for the purpose and with the intent to control and regulate the use of the waters of Sylvan Lake in Forest Lake Township and New Scandia Township, Minnesota, said bodies of water being located entirely within the boundaries of Washington County, Minnesota, to promote its fullest use and enjoyment by the public in general and the citizens of Washington County in particular; to insure safety for persons and property in connection with the use of said waters; to harmonize and integrate the varying uses of said waters; and to promote the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Washington County, Minnesota.

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#### **Section 2: Surface Zoning of Sylvan Lake by Restricting Speeds During Certain Hours:**

(a) Except as set forth in Section 2.(b) of this Ordinance No. 132 on each and every day of the week no motor boat shall be operated in excess of 15 m.p.h.

(b) No personal watercraft as that term is described by Minnesota Statute §86B.005, Subd. 14a shall be permitted to operate on Sylvan Lake at any time.

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**Section 3: Enforcement:**

The enforcement of this Ordinance shall be the primary responsibility of the Washington County Sheriff's Department. Other licensed peace officers, including Conservation Officers of the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Minnesota, are also authorized to enforce this ordinance.

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**Section 4: Exemptions:**

All authorized Resource Management, Emergency, and Enforcement Personnel, while acting in the performance of their assigned duties, are exempt from the foregoing restrictions.

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**Section 5: Notification:**

It shall be the responsibility of Washington County to provide for adequate notification of the public, which shall include placement of a sign at each public watercraft launching facility outlining essential elements of the ordinance, as well as the placement of necessary buoys and signs.

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**Section 6: Penalties:**

Any person, who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than Seven-hundred Dollars (\$700.00), or by imprisonment of not more than ninety (90) days, or both.

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**Section 7: Effective Date:**

This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after the date of its passage and publication.

Passed by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Minnesota this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1998.

Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

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