

**TOWN OF BEVENT  
MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 8.11  
ENTITLED "ARTIFICIAL WAKE ENHANCEMENT"**

The Town Board of the Town of Bevent, Marathon County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Section 1: Section 8.11 entitled "Artificial Wake Enhancement" of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Bevent is hereby created to provide as follows:

Section 8.11 - Artificial Wake Enhancement.

1. Applicability and Enforcement. This Section shall apply to the Waters of Big Bass Lake. This Section shall be enforced by any peace officer with jurisdiction within the Town limits, the County of Marathon, and the Town of Bevent.
2. Definitions.
  - A. Ballast Bag means a container filled with water or other materials to increase the weight of a boat.
  - B. Transition Speed means the speed at which the boat is operating at greater than slow-no-wake speed, but not fast enough so that the boat is planing.
  - C. Wake refers to the path of waves generated by a boat as it moves through water.
2. State Law Adopted. Wis. Stat. §§ 30.50 through 30.71 are hereby adopted by reference.
3. Prohibited Operation. No person may operate a boat on Big Bass Lake in an artificially bow-high manner in order to increase or enhance the boat's Wake. Such prohibited operation of wake enhancement shall include the use of Ballast Bags, a ballast, mechanical hydrofoils, uneven loading, or operation at Transition Speed. However, this Section shall not apply to the following activities, provided Ballast Bags, a ballast, mechanical hydrofoils, or uneven loading are not used:
  - A. water skiing,
  - B. tubing,



- C. briefly operating at Transition Speed to empty a boat of water,
  - D. operating at Transition Speed when necessary to safely navigate obstacles, or
  - E. operating at Transition Speed while accelerating a boat into a planing condition.
5. Penalty. Any persons who shall violate this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit not less than \$25.00, nor more than \$500.00, together with the costs of prosecution.
6. Posting. The Town of Bevent shall place and maintain a synopsis of this ordinance at all public boat landings on Big Bass Lake pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § NR 5.15.

Section 2: If any provision of this Ordinance is invalid or unconstitutional or if the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstance is found invalid or unconstitutionality by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the provisions or application of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application.

Section 3: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

TOWN OF BEVENT

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Perry Cebula, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Anne Mieska, Clerk

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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