

CHAPTER 5**ENVIRONMENT****510. BOATS, HARBORS, & WATERS**

Section 510.01. Adopted by Reference of State Statute and Rules. Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 86B, Water Safety, Watercraft, and Watercraft Titling and related Boat and Water Safety Rules 6110.0100 - 6110.2300 are hereby adopted by reference and are made a part of this ordinance as if fully set forth herein. Any violation of the statute or rules adopted by reference is a violation of this ordinance.

Section 510.03. Muffler. Except for special events approved by the City Council, it shall be unlawful to use a boat wholly or partly propelled by motor, unless that motor be provided with an adequate muffling device.

Subd. 1. An adequate muffling device shall mean that the motor exhaust shall, at all times, be so muffled as to suppress unnecessary, excessive or unusual noises.

Subd. 2. The discharge of cooling water through the exhaust shall be considered a sufficient muffling device.

Section 510.05. Safe Operation; Interference with Another.

Subd. 1. Each operator of a motor boat shall manipulate the boat in a careful and prudent manner, and, at a speed not to endanger, annoy, or interfere with the free and proper use of public water by another.

Subd. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a boat or any vessel used for transportation on or in public water within the City of Medina, whether that boat or vessel be propelled by machinery, motor, or sails in a careless, reckless, or imprudent manner.

Section 510.07. Swimming Area. No person shall operate a motorboat within an area marked by buoys or other marker designating a swimming area.

Section 510.09. Intoxication. No person, while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs may operate a boat on or in any public waters in the City of Medina.

Section 510.11. Offenses. It shall be unlawful for any person to do any of the following:

Subd. 1. Interfere with, obstruct, or tend to obstruct or render dangerous for use or passage, any public water within the City.

Subd. 2. The depositing of refuse, sewage, waste or other deleterious, poisonous or injurious substance in any public water within the City.

Subd. 3. The erection or maintenance of any dock or structure which interferes with, obstructs, or render dangerous for use public waters within the City.

Subd. 4. Water skiing within 50 feet of an occupied craft, and any careless or reckless act on water skis in public water within the City.

Subd. 5. The failure to equip and maintain lights, and to have such lights lighted when the boat or vessel is operating in public water within the City.

Subd. 6. Obstructing or interfering with passage of a boat or vessel through a channel or narrow water passageway in public waters within the City.

Section 510.13. Mooney Lake; Firearms Prohibited. It shall be unlawful to discharge a firearm on or over the surface of Mooney Lake or on or over any land area within 50 feet of the shoreline of Mooney Lake.

Section 510.15. Holy Name Lake, Motorboats Restricted. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorboat as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 86B, except those which are propelled by steam power or electric motors, on Holy Name Lake.

Section 510.17. Mooney Lake Special Provisions. The following additional regulations and limitations are hereby imposed upon watercraft operated, placed or maintained in or upon Mooney Lake:

Subd. 1. No person shall operate, place or maintain a watercraft which is propelled by an internal combustion engine having a size and power in excess of five horsepower.

Subd. 2. Each watercraft shall be equipped so as to direct its motor exhaust under water, or otherwise completely and effectively to muffle and silence the sound of the explosions of such motor. No watercraft shall otherwise make any unnecessary noise in its operation.

Subd. 3. No person shall operate a watercraft between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Subd. 4. No person in charge of or occupying a watercraft shall dump or throw garbage, paper, bottles, cans, refuse or debris into the lake.

Section 510.19. Exemptions. Authorized Department of Natural Resources management personnel, Emergency Rescue workers and law enforcement personnel when acting in the performance of their duties shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance.

Amendment History of this Section

Amended November 5, 1991 (Ord. 258). Added Subsection 517.17 regarding provisions on Mooney Lake and Subd. 2 of Subsection 510.05 regarding reckless operation. Also amended Subsections 517.01, 517.13, and 517.15.