

## CHAPTER 50. STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES

### **ARTICLE V. Rum River Speed Restrictions**

#### **Section 50-211. Purpose.**

Pursuant to Minn. Stats. §§ 378.32 and 459.20 and Minn. Rules Parts 6110.3000 through 6110.3800, it is the purpose of the city to regulate the operation and speed of watercraft on the Rum River from its confluence with the Mississippi River upstream to the southern border of the City of Ramsey. The limitations contained in this ordinance are designed to prevent and limit the erosion which is occurring to the banks and shoreline of the Rum River, within the city. The heavy wake from water-skiing, jet skiing and speed boating creates wave action which is eroding the shoreline, banks, and bluffs along the river, is adverse to the public's interest in maintaining and preserving the shoreline, and swimmers, people canoeing and other people using the river more passively are placed in jeopardy by water-skiing, jet skiing and speed boating. This division is designed to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the public.

#### **Section 50-212. Definitions.**

For the purpose of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

*Operate* means to navigate or otherwise use a watercraft.

*Person* means an individual, partnership, corporation or any body of persons, whether incorporated or formed into an association or not.

*Rum River* means the body of water located in the City of Anoka from its confluence with the Mississippi River upstream to the Ramsey city limits.

*Slow-no wake* means the operation of a watercraft at the slowest possible speed necessary to maintain steerage and in no case greater than five miles per hour.

*Watercraft* means the same as is defined in Minn. Stats. § 361.02, subd. 7.

#### **Section 50-213. Regulations.**

No person shall operate a watercraft at greater than slow-no wake speed on the Rum River from its confluence with the Mississippi River upstream to the Ramsey city limits. Any person who shall violate this provision shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

#### **Section 50-214. Exemptions.**

- (a) Authorized resource management, emergency and enforcement personnel, when acting in the performance of their duties, shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance.
- (b) Temporary exemptions from this ordinance may be granted by the chief of police.

#### **Section 50-215. Marking.**

The city police department shall be responsible for informing the public, posting notification at all public accesses and marking or buoying areas affected by this ordinance as necessary to give reasonable notice of the speed restriction of this section.

**Section 50-216. Enforcement.**

The city police department, the Anoka County Sheriff's Department and other licensed peace officers, including Conservation Offices of the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Minnesota are authorized to enforce this division.

**Sections 50-217 thru 50-229. Reserved.**