

**BOATING ORDINANCE  
COUNTY BOARD OF  
ASHLAND COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

The County Board of the County of Ashland do ordain as follows:

**Section I. Applicability and enforcement**

- (a) The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the water of Chequamegon Bay in Lake Superior
- (b) This chapter shall be enforced by the officers of the County of Ashland and may be enforced by the Department of Natural Resources.

**Section II Intent**

The intent of this ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interest, and the capability of the water resources.

**Section III State Boating and Safety Laws Adopted**

Wisconsin state boating laws as found in §30.68(7) are adopted by reference.

**Section IV Safety Zone**

No person may operate a boat in the following area:

- A. In that portion of Chequamegon Bay offshore from the City of Ashland, designated below as a safety zone and generally described as a ten (10) acre area in Chequamegon Bay located east of the Ashland Boat Landing at the end of 4th Avenue East. Chequamegon Bay is part of Lake Superior and borders the City of Ashland to the north. The Ashland Boat Landing borders the site to the southwest and the Ashland Wastewater Treatment Plant to the east.
- B. The area of Chequamegon Bay, within the designated box of latitude and longitude, is a safety zone:

Northeast Boundary: 46° 35' 52" N - 90° 53' 00" W  
Southeast Boundary: 46° 35' 47" N - 90° 53' 01" W  
Northwest Boundary: 46° 35' 46" N - 90° 53' 10" W  
Southwest Boundary: 46° 35' 41" N - 90° 53' 10" W

**Section V Purpose**

The purpose of the "safety zone" is to protect from the effects of soil sediments, surface water and groundwater within the "safety zone" which sediments and water have been deemed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as being contaminated with tar products which contain high concentrations of polyharomatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). Sediments also contain elevated levels of heavy metals. PAHs include phenanthrene, acenaphthene and fluoranthene. The Wisconsin Department of Health (WDH) along with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource (DNR) has

determined that the site is a public health concern from possible contaminated soil or sediments. The Wisconsin DNR has determined that swimming and wading in the designated areas is unsafe. In addition, the DNR has determined vessel traffic through the area is unsafe because of the agitation of the bottom and further spreading of contaminated sediments.

**Section VI Markers and Navigational Aids**

**Posting Ordinance**

(a) Duty, the County of Ashland shall place and maintain suitable markers and signs in such waters as shall be appropriate to advise the public of the provisions of this chapter and post and maintain a copy of this Section at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the County.

(1) The Wisconsin Department of natural Resources has agreed with Ashland County that they (WDNR) will purchase, place and maintain the buoys.

**Section VII Penalties**

Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in Wisconsin §20.80(1) are adopted by reference.

**Section VIII Severability**

The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the County Board would have passed the other provisions of this Ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

**~~VIII~~<sup>IX</sup> Section Effective Date**

This section will become effective upon passage and the day after publication.

Passed this 20th day of June, 1996 City of Ashland, Ashland County, Wisconsin

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