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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 8 ("BOATS AND WATER SAFETY") OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO BOATS AND WATER SAFETY; DESIGNATING IDLE SPEED, NO WAKE AND SLOW SPEED, MINIMUM WAKE BOATING-RESTRICTED AREAS IN CERTAIN PORTIONS OF BIG SAND LAKE, THE BUTLER CHAIN OF LAKES, THE CONWAY CHAIN OF LAKES, LAKE HART, LAKE JESSAMINE, JOHNS LAKE, LAKE MARY JANE, AND LAKE PICKETT AND DESIGNATING A SWIM AREA AND VESSEL-EXCLUSION ZONE IN A PORTION OF LAKE BUTLER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY:

Section 1. Amendments; In General. Article II, Chapter 8, of the Orange County Code is hereby amended as set forth in Section 2 below, with additions being shown as underlined and deletions being shown as ~~strike-throughs~~.

Section 2. Amendments to Article II, Chapter 8. Article II, Chapter 8, of the Orange County Code is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8

ARTICLE II. BOATS

Sec. 8-26. Authority; scope.

(a) This article is adopted pursuant to the county's home rule authority to adopt ordinances to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the county, and further, pursuant to Sections 327.46 and 327.60, Florida Statutes~~F.S. § 327.60~~.

(b) Vessels~~Boats~~ having been declared dangerous instrumentalities pursuant to ~~F.S. §~~ Section 327.32, Florida Statutes, the board of county commissioners hereby determines

that the following rules and regulations are necessary in order to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the county using the waterways of the county.

(c) Pursuant to Section 327.46, Florida Statutes, Orange County has the authority to establish boating-restricted areas, including idle speed, no wake boating-restricted areas, slow speed, minimum wake boating restricted areas, and swim area vessel-exclusion zones.

(d) This article shall apply to all waterways in the unincorporated and incorporated area of the county, unless exempted by general or special law or preempted by municipal ordinance.

(e) Nothing herein shall limit the authority of the board of county commissioners or mayor to issue an emergency ordinance or emergency order, respectively, addressing vessel operation due to a natural, technological, or manmade emergency within the county.

~~(d) This article shall not apply to boats, motorboats or skiers performing in or used in shows, exhibitions or tournaments operated by and at a theme park or other amusement park. The operators of the theme park or amusement park shall be responsible for the safe operation and equipping of all boats, motorboats and skiers at such shows, exhibitions or tournaments.~~

(f) Orange County has determined that certain small gaps between existing boating restricted areas, absent regulation, would pose a safety risk to the public from rapid acceleration and deceleration over very short distances, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission ("FWC") agrees that these small gaps, specifically those of 500 feet or less, should be closed to protect public safety.

Sec. 8-27. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning. If any definition is inconsistent with the definition of that term in Section 327.02, Florida Statutes, the definition in Section 327.02, Florida Statutes, shall take precedence:

Boating-restricted area means an area of the waters of the state within which the operation of vessels is subject to specified restrictions or from which vessels are excluded.

Idle speed, no wake means that a vessel must proceed at a speed no greater than that which will maintain steerageway and headway. At no time is any vessel required to proceed so slowly that the

operator is unable to maintain control over the vessel or any other vessel or object that it has under tow.

~~*Boats* shall mean all rafts, skiffs, dredges, canoes, dugouts, dinghies, rowboats, sailboats and motorboats. Sailboards are specifically excluded from this definition.~~

~~*Motorboats* shall mean any boat that is propelled or powered by any internal or external combustion engine or motor.~~

Operate means to be in charge of, in command of, or in actual physical control of a vessel upon the waters of the state, to exercise control over or to have responsibility for a vessel's navigation or safety while the vessel is underway upon the waters of the state, or to control or steer a vessel being towed by another vessel upon the waters of the state.

Operator ~~shall mean any person in charge of or having immediate control over a boat, whether such person is the owner of the boat, or a permitted or an unauthorized user of the boat.~~ means any person in charge of, in command of, or in actual physical control of a vessel upon the waters of the state, exercising control over or having responsibility for a vessel's navigation or safety while the vessel is underway upon the waters of the state, or controlling or steering a vessel being towed by another vessel upon the waters of the state.

Owner means a person, other than a lienholder, having the property in or title to a vessel. The term includes a person entitled to the use or possession of a vessel subject to an interest in another person which is reserved or created by agreement and securing payment of performance of an obligation. The term does not include a lessee under a lease not intended as security.

Person means an individual, partnership, firm, corporation, association, or other entity.

Slow speed, minimum wake means that a vessel must be fully off plane and completely settled into the water. It may not proceed at a speed greater than that speed which is reasonable and prudent to avoid the creation of an excessive wake or other hazardous condition under the existing circumstances. A vessel that is:

(a) Operating on a plane is not proceeding at slow speed minimum wake;

(b) In the process of coming off plane and settling into the water or coming up onto plane is not proceeding at slow speed minimum wake;

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(c) Operating at a speed that creates a wake which unreasonably or unnecessarily endangers other vessels is not proceeding at slow speed minimum wake;

(d) Completely off plane and which has fully settled into the water and is proceeding without wake or with minimum wake is proceeding at slow speed minimum wake.

Vessel is synonymous with boat as referenced in s. 1(b), Art. VII of the State Constitution and includes every description of watercraft, barge, and airboat, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.

Vessel-exclusion zone means an area from which all vessels or certain classes of vessels are excluded.

Waters of the state means any navigable waters of the United States within the territorial limits of the state of Florida, the marginal sea adjacent to the state of Florida and the high seas when navigated as a part of a journey or ride to or from the shore of the state of Florida, and all the inland lakes, rivers, and canals under the jurisdiction of the state of Florida.

Waterway ~~shall~~ means any waters, lakes, canals, streams, lagoons or connecting waters, whether natural or manmade, partially or wholly within the boundaries of the county.

Sec. 8-28. Compliance with federal and state law.

All vessels~~boats~~ operating on or about the waterways of the county shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations. The provisions of this article are supplementary to such federal and state laws, rules and regulations.

Sec. 8-29. Enforcement, ~~P~~penalties~~y~~ for violations.

~~Violations of this article shall be punished as provided in section 1-9.~~

(a) This article may be enforced by any law enforcement officer as defined in Section 943.10, Florida Statutes.

(b) Violations of sections 8-31 through 8-33 may be punished as provided in Sections 327.72 through 327.74, Florida Statutes, by issuance of a uniform boating citation.

(c) Violations of section 8-28 shall be punished as provided in section 1-9.

Sec. 8-30. Exemptions.~~Minimum safety and lighting standards.~~

(a) The following vessels are exempt from the prohibitions contained in sections 8-31 through 8-33:

(1) Vessels operating under emergency conditions during an emergency;

(2) Vessels used solely for law enforcement, firefighting, or rescue; or

(3) Vessels used by an employee, officer, or authorized agent of local, state, or federal government for ensuring compliance with local, state, or federal law or for performing other official duties.

~~(a) (i) *Generally*. All boats shall carry the safety equipment required by F.S. § 327.50. Each child under the age of six (6) years who is a passenger in a boat shall wear a Coast Guard approved lifesaving device at all times.~~

~~(ii) Each person being towed by a boat shall wear a Coast Guard approved Type I, II or III lifesaving device suitable for such use. The provisions of this subsection (ii) do not apply to a performer engaged in a professional exhibition or a person preparing to participate or participating in an official regatta, boat race, marine parade, tournament, or exhibition.~~

~~(b) *Class A motorboats*. All Class A motorboats (those motorboats less than sixteen (16) feet in length) shall have the following safety and lighting equipment:~~

~~(1) Safety equipment:~~

~~a. (i) One (1) wearable lifesaving device in good and serviceable condition approved by the Coast Guard per each person aboard.~~

~~(ii) Each person being towed by a motorboat shall wear a Coast Guard approved Type I, II or III lifesaving device suitable for such use. The provisions of this subsection (ii).~~

~~do not apply to a performer engaged in a professional exhibition or a person preparing to participate or participating in an official regatta, boat race, marine parade, tournament, or exhibition.~~

~~b. One (1) oar or paddle. Personal watercraft are exempt from this provision.~~

~~c. One (1) anchor and line in appropriate size and length. Personal watercraft are exempt from this provision.~~

~~d. One (1) Coast Guard approved or Underwriters' Laboratory "Marine Type," Class B, Size I fire extinguisher. This is not required on boats propelled by outboard motor and not carrying passengers for hire, if the motorboat is of open construction.~~

~~(2) Lighting requirements. Between sunset and sunrise the following lights shall be required:~~

~~a. One (1) white light aft, such light not to be obstructed by any part of the vessel so as to be visible in all directions.~~

~~b. One (1) combination red and green light on fore part of boat showing green to starboard (right) and red to port (left), so fixed as to show the light from dead ahead to ten (10) points off the beam on their respective sides.~~

~~c. Any boat may carry and exhibit the lights required by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea in lieu of the lights prescribed in this section.~~

~~(c) *Class I Motorboats*. All Class I motorboats (motorboats sixteen (16) feet or greater in length) shall have the following safety and lighting equipment.~~

~~(1) Safety equipment:~~

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~~a. (i) One (1) wearable lifesaving device in good serviceable condition, approved by the Coast Guard for each person on board and one (1) Coast Guard approved throwable flotation device in each boat.~~

~~(ii) Each person being towed by a motorboat shall wear a Coast Guard approved Type I, II or III lifesaving device suitable for such use. The provisions of this subsection (ii). do not apply to a performer engaged in a professional exhibition or a person preparing to participate or participating in an official regatta, boat race, marine parade, tournament, or exhibition.~~

~~b. One (1) Coast Guard approved or Underwriters' Laboratory "Marine Type," Class B, Size I fire extinguisher. This is not required on boats propelled by an outboard motor and not carrying passengers for hire, if the motorboat is of open construction.~~

~~c. One (1) anchor and line of appropriate size and length.~~

~~d. One (1) hand- or power-operated whistle or horn capable of producing a blast of two-second duration and audible for a distance of one-half mile.~~

~~(2) *Lighting requirements*. Between sunset and sunrise the following lights shall be required:~~

~~a. One (1) white light aft, such light not to be obstructed by any part of the vessel so as to be visible in all directions.~~

~~b. One (1) combination red and green light on fore part of boat showing green to starboard (right) and red to port (left), so fixed as to show the light from dead ahead to ten (10) points off the beam on their respective sides.~~

~~c. Any motorboat may carry and exhibit lights required by the International Regulations for~~

~~Preventing Collisions at Sea in lieu of the lights prescribed in this section.~~

~~(d) *All boats—Night light.* Between sunset and sunrise every boat or motorboat shall carry a lighting device capable of shining a white light around the horizon (three hundred sixty (360) degrees) and shall display such light in sufficient time as to avoid a collision with another vessel.~~

~~(e) *Same—Lifesaving devices.* Every boat or motorboat shall be equipped with at least one (1) adequate wearable lifesaving device for every occupant.~~

Sec. 8-31. Location of permitted idle speed, no wake boating-restricted areas; actions regulated.~~General operation of boats and personal watercraft.~~

(a) The following described waters of the state or portions of waters of the state are hereby established as idle speed, no wake boating-restricted areas:

(1) Butler Chain of Lakes

a. The area of water at the Lake Down Boat Ramp, in Lake Down, in the Butler Chain of Lakes, between points 28 29.702N, 81 31.209W and 28 29.665N, 81 31.158W, extending to the southern shoreline, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "A-1": "No Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

b. The area of water at the R.D. Keene Boat Ramp, on Lake Isleworth, in the Butler Chain of Lakes, between points 28 28.267N, 81 31.879W and 28 28.264N, 81 31.849W, extending to the southern shoreline, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "A-2": "No Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

c. Those channels, canals, land cuts, grassy areas, and blind corners between Lake Tibet (28 28.111N, 81 31.328W) and Lake Chase (28 28.158N, 81 31.307W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "A-3": "No Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

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d. The area of water on Lake Tibet, in the Butler Chain of Lakes, from point 28 27.539N, 81 30.931W extending to the northern shoreline of the entire cove, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "A-4": "No Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

e. The area of water on Lake Sheen, in the Butler Chain of Lakes, between points 28 26.113N, 81 30.758W and 28 26.046N, 81 30.769W, located within 500' from a public fuel pump located at 28 26.081N, 81 30.712W, and extending to the eastern shoreline, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "A-5": "No Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

(2) Conway Chain of Lakes

a. The area of water near the Randolph Boat Ramp on Little Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes, between points 28 28.661N, 81 21.969W and 28 28.660N, 81 21.941W, extending to the southern shoreline, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "B-1": "No Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes".

b. The area of water near the Ferncreek Boat Ramp on Little Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes, between points 28 29.352N, 81 21.583W and 28 29.354N, 81 21.572W, extending to the northern shoreline, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "B-2": "No Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes".

c. The area of water near the Perkins Boat Ramp on the south lobe of Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes, between points 28 27.506N, 81 21.185W and 28 27.495N, 81 21.182W, extending to the eastern shoreline, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "B-3": "No Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes".

d. The area of water near the Venetian Boat Ramp on the middle lobe of Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes, within the 500 foot radius from the ramp located at 28 28.887N, 81 21.152W, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "B-4": "No Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes"

(3) Lake Jessamine

a. The area of water at the Bywater Boat Ramp on Lake

Jessamine, from points 28 28.628N, 81 23.053W and 28 28.612N, 81 23.052W extending to the eastern shoreline, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "C-1": "No Wake Zone, Lake Jessamine".

b. The area of water at the Woodsmere Boat Ramp on Lake Jessamine, from points 28 28.942N, 81 23.386W and 28 28.924N, 81 23.381W extending to the western shoreline, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "C-2": "No Wake Zone, Lake Jessamine".

(4) Lake Mary Jane and Lake Hart

a. The area of water near the two boat ramp locations within the connector canal between Lake Mary Jane and Lake Hart at Orange County Moss Park, within the 300 foot radius from the two ramps located at 28 22.944N, 81 11.349W and 28 22.855N, 81 11.521W, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "D": "No Wake Zone, Lake Mary Jane & Lake Hart".

(b) No owner, operator, or person in command of any vessel shall permit the operation of or operate a vessel within a boating-restricted area designated by subsection (a) at a speed in excess of idle speed, no wake.

~~(a) All boats and motorboats shall, whenever possible, keep at least three hundred (300) feet behind any boat towing a skier and shall stay clear of, by at least one hundred (100) feet, any boat or motorboat anchored or used for fishing. When a ski jump is in use, all other boats shall, whenever possible, stay at least one hundred (100) feet away on either side and five hundred (500) feet behind the ski jump.~~

~~(b) No person shall operate any boat recklessly, overload any boat, indulge in any motorboat race, make sudden turns at excessive speed, follow too closely to other boats, or operate any boat in such a way that it may endanger other boats, life or property.~~

~~(c) All motorboat operators shall sit within the confines of the boat and shall require that their passengers do likewise. Bowriding and gunwhale riding are strictly prohibited.~~

~~(d) Care shall be taken by the operators of all motorboats and personal watercraft to prevent damage from their wash, bow wave or stern wave, or from objects towed by such boats to other boats, docks, piers, shorelines and boathouses. Boats, motorboats and personal watercraft shall not create a wake while operating within a canal, or within one hundred (100) feet of the shoreline, docks, piers, bridges or boathouses, or any other object arising from the water (excluding ski jumps or slalom courses) except when picking up or dropping off a waterskier. The one hundred-foot distance shall be measured from the boat, motorboat or personal watercraft itself or from any extension thereof, including but not limited to, a skier, aquaplane or other device being towed.~~

~~(e) All boats and motorboats towing water skiers, aquaplanes or other devices shall operate in a counterclockwise direction of the waterway whenever possible.~~

Sec. 8-32. Location of permitted slow speed, minimum wake boating-restricted areas; actions regulated.~~ Speed limits; posting.~~

(a) The following described waters of the state or portions of waters of the state are hereby established as slow speed, minimum wake boating-restricted areas:

(1) Big Sand Lake

a. Those channels, canals, land cuts, and grassy areas on Big Sand Lake from point 28 26.408N, 81 28.877W to point 28 26.292N, 81 28.697W. A blind corner is located at point 28 26.410N, 81 28.832W, proceeding in an easterly direction to the canal located at 28 26.319N, 81 28.750W and ending at 28 26.292N, 81 28.697W. This zone is closing the gap within 500 feet between the coordinates, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "E-1": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Big Sand Lake".

b. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on Big Sand Lake, between points 28 25.774N, 81 29.967W and 28 25.799N, 81 30.004W, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "E-2": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Big Sand Lake".

c. Those channels, canals, land cuts, and grassy and wooded

areas on Big Sand Lake between points 28 25.788N, 81 29.027W and 28 25.560N, 81 28.948W. This zone presents two blind corners at the coordinates, zone is closing the gap within 500 feet between the coordinates, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "E-3": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Big Sand Lake".

(2) Butler Chain of Lakes

a. Those channels, canals, land cuts, blind corners within a 300' radius, grassy and wooded areas on Lake Down, in the Butler Chain of Lakes, from and in between points 28 30.159N, 81 30.798W and 28 30.140N, 81 30.787W, extending to the eastern shoreline, with a blind corner present at 28 30.172N, 81 30.742W, extending east to a blind corner present at 28 30.169N, 81 30.638W, extending south to a blind corner present at 28 30.091N, 81 30.619W, extending west to a blind corner present at 28 30.092N, 81 30.677W, completing the zone to coordinates 28 30.048N, 81 30.653W and 28 30.073N, 81 30.729W as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-1": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

b. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between Lake Down (28 30.479N, 81 32.221W) and Little Lake Down (28 30.482N, 81 32.286W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-2": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

c. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between Lake Down (28 30.265N, 81 32.190W) and Wauseon Bay (28 30.184N, 81 32.323W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-3": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

d. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on Lake Down, in the Butler Chain of Lakes, from point 28 30.140N, 81 32.016W extending to the southern shoreline, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-3": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

e. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on Lake Down, in the Butler Chain of Lakes, from 28 30.132N, 81

32.105W extending to the western and southern shoreline, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-3": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

f. Those channels, canals, blind corners, and grassy areas within Wauseon Bay, between points 28 30.251N, 81 32.491W; 28 30.217N, 81 32.507W and 28 30.268N, 81 32.600W; 28 30.220N, 81 32.592W, in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-4": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

g. Those channels, canals, land cuts, and blind corners between Wauseon Bay (28 30.012N, 81 32.938W) and Lake Butler (28 29.951N, 81 32.978W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-5": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

h. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between Lake Butler (28 28.723N, 81 32.627W) and Lake Louise (28 28.697N, 81 32.594W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-6": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

i. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between Lake Louise (28 28.486N, 81 31.824W) and Lake Isleworth (28 28.382N, 81 31.848W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-7": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

j. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between Lake Isleworth (28 28.181N, 81 31.649W) and Lake Tibet (28 28.106N, 81 31.573W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-8": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

k. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between Lake Chase (28 28.435N, 81 31.025W) and Lake Blanche (28 28.562N, 81 30.972W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-9": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of

Lakes".

l. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between Lake Tibet (28 26.319N, 81 31.387W) and Lake Sheen (28 26.278N, 81 31.339W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-10": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

m. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between Lake Sheen (28 25.503N, 81 30.835W) and Pocket Lake (28 25.488N, 81 30.824W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-11": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

n. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between Pocket Lake (28 25.069N, 81 30.899W) and Fish Lake (28 24.700N, 81 30.849W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-12": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

o. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on Fish Lake, from point 28 24.683N, 81 30.705W extending to the northern shoreline in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-12": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

p. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on Lake Butler, from point 28 28.381N, 81 33.496W extending to the western shoreline in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-13": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

q. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on Lake Tibet, from point 28 27.854N, 81 30.950W extending to the eastern shoreline in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-14": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

r. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on Lake Tibet, in between points 28 27.413N, 81 30.833W and 28 27.419N, 81 30.820W in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-15": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of

Lakes".

s. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on Lake Sheen, from point 28 25.707N, 81 31.740W extending to the western shoreline in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-16": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

t. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on Lake Sheen, from point 28 25.623N, 81 31.701W extending to the southwestern shoreline in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "F-16": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes".

(3) Conway Chain of Lakes

a. Those blind corners within 300 feet from 28 29.138N, 81 21.923W; 28 29.148N, 81 21.974W, 28 29.145N, 81 21.989W; 28 29.151N, 81 22.002W near the canals and land cuts between Little Lake Conway and Lake Gatlin in the Conway Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "G-1": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes".

b. The area of water on Little Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes, from point 28 29.613N, 81 21.080W extending to the shoreline of the canal, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "G-2": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes".

c. The area of water on Little Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes, from point 28 29.697N, 81 20.908W extending to the western shoreline of the entire canal, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "G-3": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes".

d. The area of water on Little Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes, from point 28 29.770N, 81 20.880W extending to the northwestern shoreline of the entire canal, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "G-3": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes".

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e. The area of water on Little Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes, from point 28 29.798N, 81 20.813W extending to the northern shoreline of the entire canal, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "G-3": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes".

f. The area of water on Little Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes, from point 28 29.776N, 81 20.762W extending to the eastern shoreline of the entire canal, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "G-3": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes".

g. The blind corners within 300 feet from 28 29.105N, 81 20.813W and the area of water on Little Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "G-4": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes".

h. The blind corners within 300 feet from 28 29.149N, 81 20.934W in the Hoffner canal. Those channels, canals, and land cuts 300 feet north of the fender system located north of the Hoffner bridge located at 28 29.070N, 81 20.972W in the canal from Little Lake Conway. Those channels, canals, land cuts, blind corners, and grassy areas south of the Hoffner Bridge within 500 feet of the following coordinates: 28 29.009N, 81 20.984W & 28 28.929N, 81 20.988W & 28 28.960N, 81 20.952W; 28 28.934N, 81 21.118W; 28 28.971N, 81 21.120W, to 500 foot radius boundary located at 28 28.967N, 81 21.12W & 28 28.929N, 81 21.076Win the Conway Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "G-4": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes".

i. The area of water on the middle lobe of Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes, from point 28 28.867N, 81 21.189W extending to the northwestern shoreline of the entire canal, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "G-4": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes".

j. Those blind corners and grassy areas in the area of water on Little Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes, between points 28 29.406N, 81 20.652W; 28 29.400N,

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81 20.606W and 28 29.329N, 81 20.687W; 28 29.363N, 81 20.705W extending to the northwestern and southeastern shorelines of both grassy islands, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "G-5": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes".

k. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on the middle lobe of Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes, from point 28 28.218N, 81 20.373W extending to the southeastern shoreline of the entire canal, closing the gap within 500 feet between the areas of the canal that are less than 75 feet in width, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "G-6": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes".

l. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on the middle lobe of Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes, from point 28 27.965N, 81 20.573W extending to the southeastern shoreline of the entire canal, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "G-7": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes".

m. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between the middle lobe of Lake Conway near the Nela Bridge (28 27.888N, 81 21.479W; 28 27.858N, 81 21.506W) and in the south lobe of Lake Conway (28 27.801N, 81 21.444W; 28 27.824N, 81 21.405W) in the Conway Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "G-8": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes".

n. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on the south lobe of Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes, between points 28 27.280N, 81 20.410W to 28 27.276N 81 20.405W, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "G-9": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes".

(4) Johns Lake

a. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on Johns Lake, within the canal located at point 28 31.984N, 81 37.221W, extending through to the Johns Lake Conservation Area Kayak Launch, and to the eastern Avalon Road bridge. A blind corner is located at the following coordinates: 28 32.000N, 81 37.132W & 28

31.905N, 81 37.066W, zone is closing the gap within 500 feet between the coordinates, and between the canal areas that are less than 75 feet in width, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "H": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Johns Lake".

(5) Lake Pickett

a. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on Lake Pickett, from point 28 36.746N, 81 07.443W, extending to the western shore, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "J-1": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Lake Pickett".

b. Those blind corners and grassy areas within the connector between the two lobes of Lake Pickett, from points 28 36.014N, 81 06.987W & 28 36.071N, 81 07.025W, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "J-2": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Lake Pickett".

(6) Lake Mary Jane and Lake Hart

a. Located within the connector canal between Lake Mary Jane and Lake Hart, the entire length of the canal is less than 75 feet in width or exhibits blind corner locations. Beginning at those blind corners, grassy areas, channels, canals, and land cuts within the Lake Mary Jane canal located at point 28 22.966N, 81 11.284W, extending westwardly to the 300' radius boundary of the eastern Moss Park Boat Ramp, westwardly to the 300' radius boundary of the western Moss Park Boat Ramp, to the 300 foot radius of the blind corners in the cove at 28 22.850N, 81 11.646W and 28 22.866N, 81 11.671W. The zone closes the gap in a westwardly direction to 300 feet within radius of the blind corners located at 28 22.855N, 81 11.769W & 28 22.844N, 81 11.769W, extending to the west to the blind corners located at 28 22.830N, 81 12.017W; 28 22.820N, 81 12.026W; and 28 22.839N, 81 12.085W in Lake Hart as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "K": "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Lake Mary Jane & Lake Hart".

(b) No owner, operator, or person in command of any vessel shall permit the operation or operate a vessel within a boating-restricted area designated by subsection (a) at a speed in excess of slow speed, minimum wake.

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~~The board of county commissioners may, by resolution, impose a speed limit on any waterway when it is determined that a speed limit is necessary to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the county. Such speed limit shall be lawfully posted in or near the waterway in a location to be visible to the public.~~

Sec. 8-33. Location of designated swim area and vessel-exclusion zone in Lake Butler; actions regulated.~~ Personal watercraft.~~

(a) The following described portion of Lake Butler is designated as a swim area and thereby established as a vessel-exclusion zone:

(1) An area in Lake Butler, on the east side of the lake, located on the north side of the island known as Egret Island/Bird Island, extending between points 28 29.483N, 81 32.490W; 28 29.499N, 81 32.482W; 28 29.509N, 81 32.476W; 28 29.519N, 81 32.470W; 28 29.529N, 81 32.464W; 28 29.537N, 81 32.458W; 28 29.543N, 81 32.442W; 28 29.546N, 81 32.427W; and 28 29.543N, 81 32.420W extending to the north and northwest following the natural contours of the shoreline, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "SW": Swim Area, Butler Chain of Lakes.

(b) No owner, operator, or person in command of any vessel shall permit the operation of or operate a vessel, or any part thereof within the area designated by subsection (a).

(c) In addition to those exemptions set forth in section 8-30, vessels owned or operated by the owner of the island known as Egret Island/Bird Island are exempt from the prohibitions contained in this section.

~~(a) Personal watercraft under power shall keep at least three hundred (300) feet behind any boat towing a skier and shall stay clear of, by at least one hundred (100) feet, any vessel anchored or used for fishing or otherwise not under power. When a ski jump is in use, all personal watercraft shall stay clear of the area three hundred (300) feet on either side and five hundred (500) feet ahead of, and five hundred (500) feet behind, the ski jump.~~

~~(b) Personal watercraft are prohibited on ski jumps not explicitly designated for their use.~~

~~(c) No person shall create a wake while operating a personal watercraft within one hundred (100) feet of any persons in the water.~~

~~(d) No person shall operate a personal watercraft while exceeding the manufacturer's recommended maximum weight or number of occupants.~~

Sec. 8-34. Reference to other authority.~~Swimmers and skin divers.~~

Where a statute is referenced in this article, the reference shall be interpreted to mean the most recently adopted version of such statute.~~(a) No person shall swim from the shore more than one hundred (100) feet unless accompanied by a boat or identified by a standard buoy and flag~~.

~~(b) No person shall scuba or skin dive unless identified by a standard scuba or skin diving flag.~~

Sec. 8-35. Reserved~~Tampering, trespass to boats, boathouses, docks.~~

~~It shall be unlawful for any person to molest, tamper with, damage, destroy, trespass upon or cast loose or set adrift any boat belonging to another, or to disturb, destroy, steal, take or carry away any of the contents, fixtures, motors or accessories of any boat belonging to another. It shall be unlawful to trespass upon or within boathouses or docks belonging to others.~~

Sec. 8-36. Reserved~~Damage to channel markers, buoys, signs, or signals.~~

~~It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, damage or destroy any channel markers, buoys, speed limits signs or directional signals maintained by the county. Any person injuring or damaging any channel markers, buoys, bulkheads, docks or boathouses or involved in any collision or upset with any other craft shall report such incident as soon as possible.~~

Sec. 8-37. Reserved~~Muffling equipment~~.

~~In order to minimize noise, boats, motorboats and personal watercraft shall utilize only factory-issued muffling equipment.~~

Sec. 8-38. Reserved~~Location of designated swim area and vessel-exclusion zone; actions regulated~~.

~~(a) The following described portion of Lake Butler is hereby designated as a swim area:~~

~~(1) An area in Lake Butler, on the east side of the lake, located on the north side of the island known as Egret Island/Bird Island, extending between points 28 29.483N, 81 32.490W; 28 29.499N, 81 32.482W; 28 29.509N, 81 32.476W; 28 29.519N, 81 32.470W; 28 29.529N, 81 32.464W; 28 29.537N, 81 32.458W; 28 29.543N, 81 32.442W; 28 29.546N, 81 32.427W; and 28 29.543N, 81 32.420W extending to the north and northwest following the natural contours of the shoreline, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix "A": Swim Area, Butler Chain of Lakes.~~

~~(b) No owner, operator, or person in command of any vessel shall permit the operation of or operate a vessel within the swim area designated by subsection (a).~~

~~(c) The following vessels are exempt from the prohibitions contained in this section:~~

~~(4) Vessels owned or operated by the owner of the island known as Egret Island/Bird Island;~~

~~(5) Vessels operating under emergency conditions during an emergency;~~

~~(6) Vessels used solely for law enforcement, firefighting, or rescue; or~~

~~(7) Vessels used by an employee, officer, or authorized agent of local, state, or federal government for ensuring compliance with local, state, or federal law or for performing other official duties.~~

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~~(d) As used in this section, the term:~~

~~(1) "Operate" means to be in charge of, in command of, or in actual physical control of a vessel upon the waters of the state, to exercise control over or to have responsibility for a vessel's navigation or safety while the vessel is underway upon the waters of the state, or to control or steer a vessel being towed by another vessel upon the waters of the state.~~

~~(2) "Operator" means any person in charge of, in command of, or in actual physical control of a vessel upon the waters of the state, exercising control over or having responsibility for a vessel's navigation or safety while the vessel is underway upon the waters of the state, or controlling or steering a vessel being towed by another vessel upon the waters of the state.~~

~~(3) "Owner" means a person, other than a lienholder, having the property in or title to a vessel. The term includes a person entitled to the use or possession of a vessel subject to an interest in another person which is reserved or created by agreement and securing payment of performance of an obligation. The term does not include a lessee under a lease not intended as security.~~

~~(4) "Person" means an individual, partnership, firm, corporation, association, or other entity.~~

~~(5) "Swim area" means an area where all vessels of any type are prohibited from entering.~~

~~(6) "Vessel" is synonymous with boat as referenced in s. 1(b), Art. VII of the State Constitution and includes every description of watercraft, barge, and airboat, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.~~

~~(7) "Waters of the state" means any navigable waters of the United States within the territorial limits of the state of Florida, the marginal sea adjacent to the state of Florida and the high seas when navigated as a part of a journey or ride to or from the shore of the state of Florida, and all the inland lakes, rivers, and canals under the~~

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~~jurisdiction of the state of Florida.~~

~~(e) The provisions of this section may be enforced by issuance of a uniform boating citation by any law enforcement officer as defined in Section 943.10, Florida Statutes, pursuant to the procedures set forth in Sections 327.73 and 327.74, Florida Statutes.~~

~~(f) Where a statute is referenced in this section, the reference shall be interpreted to mean the most recently adopted version of such statute.~~

Section 3. ***Effective Date.*** This ordinance shall take effect upon approval of the ordinance by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission pursuant to Section 327.46(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: _____
Jerry L. Demings
Orange County Mayor

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

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