

Ordinance No. 99-1

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
EMMET COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

SLOW-NO-WAKE ORDINANCE

An ordinance to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the inhabitants of West Traverse Township.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources have investigated the need for special water craft controls on a portion of Little Traverse Bay; and

On June 10, 1997, a public hearing was held to consider proposed water craft regulations that included increasing an existing "slow-no-wake" area in Little Traverse Bay; and

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Division, based upon the response from that hearing recommended increasing the slow-no-wake speed control on a portion of Little Traverse Bay within Little Traverse Township, West Traverse Township, and the City of Harbor Springs, Emmet County, Michigan; and

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has found that significant conditions presently exist which necessitate the establishment of controls more restrictive than those currently within the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, being Public Act 451 of 1994, Part 801, Marine Safety, as amended.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP THEREFORE ORDAINS
AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1 - Special Local Watercraft Control. WC-24-99-001. The following water of Little Traverse Bay shall be restricted to a slow-no-wake speed:

The waters of Little Traverse Bay, adjacent to Little Traverse Township, West Traverse Township and the City of Harbor Springs, Emmet County, north and west of the following courses: **Beginning** at a point on the northeast of the Harbor Point Subdivision where the section line between sections 13 and 24 intersects the water's edge of Harbor Springs Harbor; Thence N 10° 14' E thence 1804 feet more or less to a point on a line 200 feet south of and parallel to the south line of the Harbor Springs Mooring Fields; thence along said line S 88° 27' E 2494 feet more or less to a point on a line extending from the easternmost point of land in section 24, Township 35 North, Range 6 West, being the easternmost point of land in the Harbor Point Subdivision, to a point at the water's edge on a line parallel to, and 200 feet east of, the centerline of Artesian Street as extended; thence along said line N 25° 00' E 840 feet more or less to the water's edge being the **Place of Ending**.

Section 2 - Violations.

- A. This ordinance shall be enforced by such persons or agencies as may be designated by Resolution of the Township Board.
- B. A violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500.00, or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 3 - Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication in the manner provided by law.

Section 4 - Repealer. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

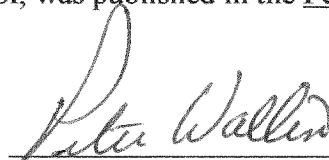
CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this Ordinance was adopted by the West Traverse Township Board at a regular meeting held on July 13, 1999, and that the vote was as follows:

FOR: Leik, Morse, Chellis, Carpenter, Wallin

AGAINST: None

I further certify this Ordinance, or a summary thereof, was published in the Petoskey News Review on August 10, 1999.



Peter Wallin

West Traverse Township Clerk