



MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 03/05/2013
REGULAR
ITEM #: 12
MOTION

AGENDA ITEM: Approval for Staff Modification Section 97.21 – Watercraft and Water Surface Regulations - to Be Consistent with MN State Statutes

SUBMITTED BY: Dean Zuleger, City Administrator, at the Request of Council Members Bloyer & Park

THROUGH: Mike Pearson, Mayor

REVIEWED BY: Dean Zuleger, City Administrator

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: In July 2012, the City of Lake Elmo City Council passed Ordinance 2012-58 to amend 97.21 of the City Code regulating watercraft and water surface regulations and 97.23 (L) regulating prohibited structures and uses. In the passage of this amendment, it was understood the City staff would continue to have ongoing discussion with the MNDNR staff to insure state lake policy and municipal lake policy were consistent for uniformity and enforcement purposes. The action requested is to approve continued discussions and possibly advance further modifications to 97.21 of the City Code per MNDNR regulations.

STAFF REPORT: Per the agreement with the MNDNR in 2012, City Staff will work with state officials on the appropriate next steps to normalize the City’s water surface regulations with state statutes. The normalization is meant to create clear standard operating procedures for lake use for both lake residents and others using the surface waters of the State of Minnesota.

RECOMMENDATION: Based on the aforementioned, the City Council recommends the following:

M/S/P: To instruct the City Administrator to create an ad hoc review of Lake Residents to work with the MNDNR on the normalization of water surface regulations that creates uniformity of enforcement and maintain quality of life on Lake Elmo lakes.

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Introduction of Item..... City Administrator
- Report/Presentation.....City Administrator
- Questions from Council to Staff.....Mayor Facilitates
- Public Input, if Appropriate.....Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion Mayor & City Council
- Discussion..... Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion.....Mayor Facilitates