

**City of Lake Elmo
Washington County, Minnesota**

Resolution 2009-011

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A REQUEST BY THE MINNESOTA BOAT CLUB TO
HOST THE 106TH NORTHWESTERN INTERNATIONAL ROWING ASSOCIATION
CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA ON LAKE ELMO ON AUGUST 21 AND 22, 2009.

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Boat Club is seeking support from the City of Lake Elmo to host the 106th Annual Northwestern International Rowing Association (NWIRA) Championship Regatta on Lake Elmo from August 21 through August 22, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Lake Elmo's namesake lake has been chosen as the site for the two-day championship rowing competition;

WHEREAS, Lake Elmo fully supports the efforts of the Minnesota Boat Club and welcomes the opportunity to be a host city to this international event for the second time in its history.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the testimony elicited and information received, the City Council makes the following:

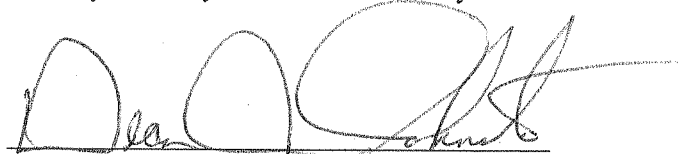
FINDINGS

- 1) That the Minnesota Boat Club will need to obtain a Water Surface Use Permit from the Washington County Sheriff's Office in order to conduct a Regatta on the waters of Lake Elmo.
- 2) That the application for water surface use will include the following components:
 - a. The Minnesota Boat Club will receive the sanctioning of the US Rowing Association, the sport's national governing body to host the regatta, and will need to demonstrate adequate insurance to cover the standard liability issues as part of the permit request.
- 3) During the rowing competition on Lake Elmo, residential boat traffic will be required to follow the No Wake rule. The dates and times are as follows: August 21 and August 22 – 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The City Council will need to approve an amendment to the current ordinance to allow the establishment of a no-wake speed outside of the current hours established by Section 97.21 (B) of the City Code.
- 4) The City Council consents to the placement of buoys, floating starting platforms, and pontoon boats in the water subject to final approval by the Washington County Sheriff as part of the Water Surface Use Permit.

- 5) The Minnesota Boat Club will encourage all spectators, officials, rowers, coaches, and others to refrain from parking on residential streets in close proximity to Lake Elmo and on County Road 17. This plan will protect the property and privacy of the City's residents, and to prevent spectators from parking along city streets and entering the Park from the north end.
- 6) The Minnesota Boat Club will request that Washington County close the public access boat ramp in the Lake Elmo Park Preserve from normal motorized traffic during the event. This closure will allow the regatta to be conducted in a safe and manageable fashion.
- 7) The City of Lake Elmo does not require a special permit to conduct a rowing event that takes place on a public water body within the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lake Elmo supports the application by the Minnesota Boat Club to host the 106th Northwestern International Rowing Association Championship Regatta on Lake Elmo on August 21 and 22, 2009.

Passed and duly adopted this 7th day of April, 2009, by the City Council of the City of Lake Elmo, Minnesota.


Dean A. Johnston, Mayor

ATTEST:


Craig W. Dawson, Interim City Administrator