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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; 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

38 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.

40 (c) Pursuant to Section 327.46, Florida Statutes, Orange County
42 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.

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

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

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

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

66 **Sec. 8-27. Definitions.**

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

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

78 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 115 (a) Operating on a plane is not proceeding at slow speed
116 minimum wake;
- 117 (b) In the process of coming off plane and settling into the water
118 or coming up onto plane is not proceeding at slow speed
119 minimum wake;

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

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

126 Vessel is synonymous with boat as referenced in s. 1(b), Art. VII
128 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.

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

132 Waters of the state means any navigable waters of the United
134 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
136 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.

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

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

144 All ~~vessels~~boats operating on or about the waterways of the
146 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.

148 **Sec. 8-29. Enforcement, Penalties for violations.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

188 ~~(ii) Each person being towed by a boat shall wear a Coast~~
190 ~~Guard approved Type I, II or III lifesaving device suitable for~~
192 ~~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,~~
194 ~~boat race, marine parade, tournament, or exhibition.~~

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

200 (1) ~~Safety equipment:~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

244 ~~(1) Safety equipment:~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

304 (d) — ~~All boats Night light.~~ Between sunset and sunrise
306 every boat or motorboat shall carry a lighting device capable of
308 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.

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

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

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

324 (1) Butler Chain of Lakes

326 a. The area of water at the Lake Down Boat Ramp, in Lake
328 Down, in the Butler Chain of Lakes, between points 28
330 29.702N, 81 31.209W and 28 29.665N, 81 31.158W,
332 extending to the southern shoreline, as shown on the attached
map labeled Appendix “A-1”: “No Wake Zone, Butler Chain
of Lakes”.

334 b. The area of water at the R.D. Keene Boat Ramp, on Lake
336 Isleworth, in the Butler Chain of Lakes, between points 28
338 28.267N, 81 31.879W and 28 28.264N, 81 31.847W,
extending to the southern shoreline, as shown on the attached
map labeled Appendix “A-2”: “No Wake Zone, Butler Chain
of Lakes”.

340 c. Those channels, canals, land cuts, grassy areas, and blind
342 corners between Lake Tibet (28 28.111N, 81 31.328W) and
344 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”.

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

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

360 (2) Conway Chain of Lakes

362 a. The area of water near the Randolph Boat Ramp on Little
364 Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes, between
points 28 28.661N, 81 21.969W and 28 28.660N, 81
366 21.941W, extending to the southern shoreline, as shown on
the attached map labeled Appendix “B-1”: “No Wake Zone,
368 Conway Chain of Lakes”.

370 b. The area of water near the Ferncreek Boat Ramp on Little
372 Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes, between
points 28 29.352N, 81 21.583W and 28 29.354N, 81
374 21.572W, extending to the northern shoreline, as shown on
the attached map labeled Appendix “B-2”: “No Wake Zone,
376 Conway Chain of Lakes”.

378 c. The area of water near the Warren Park kayak launch in the
380 south lobe of Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes,
from points 28 27.694N, 81 20.535W and 28 27.683N, 81
382 20.525W, extending to the northeastern shoreline, as shown
on the attached map labeled Appendix “B-3”: “No Wake
Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes”.

384 d. The area of water near the Perkins Boat Ramp on the south
386 lobe of Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes,
between points 28 27.506N, 81 21.185W and 28 27.495N,
388 81 21.182W, extending to the eastern shoreline, as shown on
the attached map labeled Appendix “B-4”: “No Wake Zone,
Conway Chain of Lakes”.

390 (3) Lake Jessamine

392 a. The area of water at the Bywater Boat Ramp on Lake
394 Jessamine, from points 28 28.628N, 81 23.053W and 28
28.612N, 81 23.052W extending to the eastern shoreline, as
396 shown on the attached map labeled Appendix “C-1”: “No
Wake Zone, Lake Jessamine”.

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

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

410 ~~(a) All boats and motorboats shall, whenever possible,~~
412 ~~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~~
414 ~~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~~
416 ~~hundred (100) feet away on either side and five hundred (500) feet~~
~~behind the ski jump.~~

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

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

428 ~~(d) Care shall be taken by the operators of all~~
430 ~~motorboats and personal watercraft to prevent damage from their~~
~~wash, bow wave or stern wave, or from objects towed by such~~
432 ~~boats to other boats, docks, piers, shorelines and boathouses.~~
~~Boats, motorboats and personal watercraft shall not create a wake~~
434 ~~while operating within a canal, or within one hundred (100) feet of~~
~~the shoreline, docks, piers, bridges or boathouses, or any other~~
436 ~~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,~~

438 motorboat or personal watercraft itself or from any extension
440 thereof, including but not limited to, a skier, aquaplane or other
device being towed.

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

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

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

456 (1) Big Sand Lake

458 a. Those channels, canals, land cuts, and grassy areas on Big
460 Sand Lake from point 28 26.408N, 81 28.877W to point 28
462 26.292N, 81 28.697W. A blind corner is located at point 28
464 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 “D-1”: “Slow Speed, Minimum
Wake Zone, Big Sand Lake”.

466 b. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on Big Sand Lake,
468 between points 28 25.774N, 81 29.967W and 28 25.799N,
470 81 30.004W, as shown on the attached map labeled
Appendix “D-2”: “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Big
Sand Lake”.

472 c. Those channels, canals, land cuts, and grassy and wooded
474 areas on Big Sand Lake between points 28 25.744N, 81
476 29.019W and 28 25.572N, 81 28.955W. This zone presents
478 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 “D-3”: “Slow Speed,
Minimum Wake Zone, Big Sand Lake”.

480 (2) Butler Chain of Lakes

482 a. Those channels, canals, land cuts, blind corners, grassy

484 and wooded areas on Lake Down, in the Butler Chain
486 of Lakes, from and in between points 28 30.159N, 81
488 30.798W and 28 30.140N, 81 30.787W, extending to
490 the eastern shoreline, with a blind corner present at 28
492 30.172N, 81 30.742W, extending east to a blind corner
494 present at 28 30.169N, 81 30.638W, extending south to
496 a blind corner present at 28 30.091N, 81 30.619W,
498 extending west to a blind corner present at 28 30.092N,
500 81 30.677W, completing the zone to coordinates 28
502 30.045N, 81 30.653W and 28 30.073N, 81 30.729W as
504 shown on the attached map labeled Appendix “E-1”:
506 “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of
508 Lakes”.

510 b. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between Lake
512 Down (28 30.479N, 81 32.221W) and Little Lake Down
514 (28 30.482N, 81 32.286W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes,
516 as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix “E-2”:
518 “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of
520 Lakes”.

522 c. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between Lake
524 Down (28 30.265N, 81 32.190W) and Wauseon Bay (28
526 30.184N, 81 32.323W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as
528 shown on the attached map labeled Appendix “E-3”:
530 “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of
532 Lakes”.

534 d. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on Lake Down, in
536 the Butler Chain of Lakes, from point 28 30.140N, 81
538 32.016W extending to the southern shoreline, as shown
540 on the attached map labeled Appendix “E-3”:
542 “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes”.

544 e. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on Lake Down, in
546 the Butler Chain of Lakes, from 28 30.132N, 81
548 32.105W extending to the western and southern
550 shoreline, as shown on the attached map labeled
552 Appendix “E-3”:
554 “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone,
556 Butler Chain of Lakes”.

558 f. Those channels, canals, blind corners, and grassy areas
560 within Wauseon Bay, between points 28 30.251N, 81
562 32.488W; 28 30.217N, 81 32.507W and 28 30.268N, 81
564 32.600W; 28 30.220N, 81 32.592W, in the Butler Chain
566 of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled
568 Appendix “E-3”:
570 “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone,
572 Butler Chain of Lakes”.

- 530 Appendix “E-4”: “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of Lakes”.
- 532 g. Those channels, canals, land cuts, and blind corners
- 534 between Wauseon Bay (28 30.012N, 81 32.938W) and
- 536 Lake Butler (28 29.951N, 81 32.978W) in the Butler
- 538 Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled
- 540 Appendix “E-5”: “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone,
- 542 Butler Chain of Lakes”.
- 544 h. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between Lake
- 546 Butler (28 28.726N, 81 32.628W) and Lake Louise (28
- 548 28.697N, 81 32.594W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as
- 550 shown on the attached map labeled Appendix “E-6”:
- 552 “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of
- 554 Lakes”.
- 556 i. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between Lake
- 558 Louise (28 28.486N, 81 31.824W) and Lake Isleworth
- 560 (28 28.382N, 81 31.848W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes,
- 562 as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix “E-7”:
- 564 “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of
- 566 Lakes”.
- 568 j. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between Lake
- 570 Isleworth (28 28.181N, 81 31.649W) and Lake Tibet (28
- 572 28.106N, 81 31.573W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as
- 574 shown on the attached map labeled Appendix “E-8”:
- 576 “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of
- 578 Lakes”.
- 580 k. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between Lake
- 582 Chase (28 28.435N, 81 31.025W) and Lake Blanche (28
- 584 28.562N, 81 30.972W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as
- 586 shown on the attached map labeled Appendix “E-9”:
- 588 “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of
- 590 Lakes”.
- 592 l. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between Lake
- 594 Tibet (28 26.319N, 81 31.387W) and Lake Sheen (28
- 596 26.278N, 81 31.339W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as
- 598 shown on the attached map labeled Appendix “E-10”:
- 600 “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of
- 602 Lakes”.
- 604 m. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between Lake

576 Sheen (28 25.503N, 81 30.835W) and Pocket Lake (28
578 25.488N, 81 30.824W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as
shown on the attached map labeled Appendix “E-11”:
“Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of
580 Lakes”.

582 n. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between Pocket
Lake (28 25.069N, 81 30.899W) and Fish Lake (28
584 24.700N, 81 30.849W) in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as
shown on the attached map labeled Appendix “E-12”:
586 “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of
Lakes”.

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

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

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

606 r. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on Lake Tibet, in
between points 28 27.413N, 81 30.833W and 28
608 27.419N, 81 30.820W in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as
shown on the attached map labeled Appendix “E-15”:
610 “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of
Lakes”.

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

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

622 southwestern shoreline in the Butler Chain of Lakes, as
623 shown on the attached map labeled Appendix “E-16”:
624 “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Butler Chain of
Lakes”.

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628 (3) Conway Chain of Lakes

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630 a. Those blind corners within 300 feet from 28 29.138N, 81
631 21.923W; 28 29.148N, 81 21.974W, 28 29.145N, 81
632 21.989W; 28 29.151N, 81 22.002W near the canals and
633 land cuts between Little Lake Conway and Lake Gatlin
634 in the Conway Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached
635 map labeled Appendix “F-1”: “Slow Speed, Minimum
636 Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes”.

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

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644 c. The area of water on Little Lake Conway, in the Conway
645 Chain of Lakes, from point 28 29.697N, 81 20.908W
646 extending to the western shoreline of the entire canal, as
647 shown on the attached map labeled Appendix “F-3”:
648 “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of
649 Lakes”.

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651 d. The area of water on Little Lake Conway, in the Conway
652 Chain of Lakes, from point 28 29.770N, 81 20.880W
653 extending to the northwestern shoreline of the entire
654 canal, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix
655 “F-3”: “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway
656 Chain of Lakes”.

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658 e. The area of water on Little Lake Conway, in the Conway
659 Chain of Lakes, from point 28 29.798N, 81 20.813W
660 extending to the northern shoreline of the entire canal, as
661 shown on the attached map labeled Appendix “F-3”:
662 “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of
663 Lakes”.

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665 f. The area of water on Little Lake Conway, in the Conway
666 Chain of Lakes, from point 28 29.776N, 81 20.762W
extending to the eastern shoreline of the entire canal, as

668 shown on the attached map labeled Appendix “F-3”:
670 “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of
672 Lakes”.

674 g. The blind corners within 300 feet from 28 29.105N, 81
676 20.813W and the area of water on Little Lake Conway,
678 in the Conway Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached
680 map labeled Appendix “F-4”: “Slow Speed, Minimum
682 Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes”.

684 h. The blind corners within 300 feet from 28 29.149N, 81
686 20.934W in the Hoffner canal. Those channels, canals,
688 and land cuts 300 feet north of the fender system located
690 north of the Hoffner bridge located at 28 29.070N, 81
692 20.972W in the canal from Little Lake Conway. Those
694 channels, canals, land cuts, blind corners, and grassy
696 areas south of the Hoffner Bridge within 500 feet of the
698 following coordinates: 28 29.009N, 81 20.984W & 28
700 28.929N, 81 20.988W & 28 28.960N, 81 20.952W; 28
702 28.934N, 81 21.118W; 28 28.971N, 81 21.120W; 28
704 28.889N, 81 21.122W in the Conway Chain of Lakes, as
706 shown on the attached map labeled Appendix “F-4”:
708 “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of
710 Lakes”.

712 i. The area of water on the middle lobe of Lake Conway,
714 in the Conway Chain of Lakes, from point 28 28.867N,
716 81 21.189W extending to the northwestern shoreline of
718 the entire canal, as shown on the attached map labeled
720 Appendix “F-4”: “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone,
722 Conway Chain of Lakes”.

724 j. Those blind corners and grassy areas in the area of water
726 on Little Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes,
728 between points 28 29.406N, 81 20.652W; 28 29.398N,
730 81 20.604W and 28 29.329N, 81 20.687W; 28 29.363N,
732 81 20.705W extending to the northwestern and
734 southeastern shorelines of both grassy islands, as shown
736 on the attached map labeled Appendix “F-5”: “Slow
738 Speed, Minimum Wake Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes”.

740 k. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on the middle lobe
742 of Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes, from
744 point 28 28.218N, 81 20.373W extending to the
746 southeastern shoreline of the entire canal, closing the gap
748 within 500 feet between the areas of the canal that are

714 less than 75 feet in width, as shown on the attached map
716 labeled Appendix “F-6”: “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake
Zone, Conway Chain of Lakes”.

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

724 m. Those channels, canals, and land cuts between the
middle lobe of Lake Conway near the Nela Bridge (28
726 27.888N, 81 21.479W; 28 27.858N, 81 21.506W) and in
the south lobe of Lake Conway (28 27.801N, 81
728 21.444W; 28 27.824N, 81 21.405W) in the Conway
Chain of Lakes, as shown on the attached map labeled
730 Appendix “F-8”: “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone,
Conway Chain of Lakes”.

732 n. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on the south lobe
734 of Lake Conway, in the Conway Chain of Lakes,
between points 28 27.280N, 81 20.410W to 28 27.276N
736 81 20.405W, as shown on the attached map labeled
Appendix “F-9”: “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone,
738 Conway Chain of Lakes”.

740 (4) Johns Lake

742 a. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on Johns Lake,
within the canal located at point 28 31.984N, 81
744 37.221W, extending through to the Johns Lake
Conservation Area Kayak Launch, and to the eastern
746 Avalon Road bridge. A blind corner is located at the
following coordinates: 28 32.000N, 81 37.132W & 28
748 31.905N, 81 37.066W, zone is closing the gap within
500 feet between the coordinates, and between the canal
750 areas that are less than 75 feet in width, as shown on the
attached map labeled Appendix “G”: “Slow Speed,
752 Minimum Wake Zone, Johns Lake”.

754 (5) Lake Pickett

756 a. Those channels, canals, and land cuts on Lake Pickett, from
point 28 36.746N, 81 07.443W, extending to the western
758 shore, as shown on the attached map labeled Appendix “H-

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- 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 “H-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. 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 Moss Park Boat Ramp, through the canal to the Moss Park Road bridge, westwardly to the second 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 “J”: “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.

~~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.

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

810 (1) An area in Lake Butler, on the east side of the
lake, located on the north side of the island known as Egret
812 Island/Bird Island, extending between points 28 29.483N, 81
32.490W; 28 29.499N, 81 32.482W; 28 29.509N, 81
814 32.476W; 28 29.519N, 81 32.470W; 28 29.529N, 81
32.464W; 28 29.537N, 81 32.458W; 28 29.543N, 81
816 32.442W; 28 29.546N, 81 32.427W; and 28 29.543N, 81
32.420W extending to the north and northwest following the
818 natural contours of the shoreline, as shown on the attached
map labeled Appendix "SW": Swim Area, Butler Chain of
820 Lakes.

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

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

830 ~~(a) — Personal watercraft under power shall keep at least~~
three hundred (300) feet behind any boat towing a skier and shall
832 ~~stay clear of, by at least one hundred (100) feet, any vessel~~
anchored or used for fishing or otherwise not under power. When
834 ~~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)
836 ~~feet ahead of, and five hundred (500) feet behind, the ski jump.~~

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

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

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

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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:~~

894 (1) — An area in Lake Butler, on the east side of the
896 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
898 32.476W; 28 29.519N, 81 32.470W; 28 29.529N, 81
32.464W; 28 29.537N, 81 32.458W; 28 29.543N, 81
900 32.442W; 28 29.546N, 81 32.427W; and 28 29.543N, 81
902 32.420W extending to the north and northwest following the
904 natural contours of the shoreline, as shown on the attached
map labeled Appendix “A”: Swim Area, Butler Chain of
Lakes.

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

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

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

916 (5) — Vessels operating under emergency
918 conditions during an emergency;

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

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

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

930 (1) — “Operate” means to be in charge of, in
932 command of, or in actual physical control of a vessel upon
the waters of the state, to exercise control over or to have
934 responsibility for a vessel’s navigation or safety while the
vessel is underway upon the waters of the state, or to control
936 or steer a vessel being towed by another vessel upon the
waters of the state.

938 (2) ~~“Operator” means any person in charge of, in~~
command of, or in actual physical control of a vessel upon
940 ~~the waters of the state, exercising control over or having~~
responsibility for a vessel’s navigation or safety while the
942 ~~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.

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

952 (4) ~~“Person” means an individual, partnership,~~
954 ~~firm, corporation, association, or other entity.~~

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

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

964 (7) ~~“Waters of the state” means any navigable~~
966 ~~waters of the United States within the territorial limits of the~~
state of Florida, the marginal sea adjacent to the state of
968 ~~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,
970 ~~and all the inland lakes, rivers, and canals under the~~
jurisdiction of the state of Florida.

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

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

982 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective on _____, 2026.

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ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

986 ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

988 By: _____
990 Jerry L. Demings
Orange County Mayor

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

996 By: _____
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