

**TOWN OF LIBERTY GROVE
ORDINANCE 9-21**

**TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE LIBERTY GROVE TOWN MARINA(S)
AND TOWN LAUNCH RAMPS**

In order to maintain order and control of the Town launching facilities located within the Town of Liberty Grove, the Town Board, pursuant to Section 60.22(1), Wisconsin statutes, does hereby ordain as follows:

Ordinances 2-92, 1-94, 5-05, 15-1, & 3-21 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 1. Fees.

- A. A daily fee shall be charged for ramp use. Daily fee is to allow unlimited use of the ramp for launching and takeout upon payment of the fee, as determined by the Town Board, during the 24-hour period from 12 midnight to 12 midnight. The launch ramp at the Town Marina(s) which include those where motorized watercraft are permitted to be launched and excluding launch ramps where only silent sports are permitted.”
- B. The daily fee shall be paid to the Harbormaster or deposited in the designated lockboxes adjacent to the ramps preceding launch. Failure to pay shall be subject to the enforcement and penalties of sections 9 and 10 of this Ordinance.
- C. The fee schedule:
 - 1. The Town Board determines fees for commercial and non-commercial users, seasonal users, dockage, and parking and may change such fees at its discretion without amending this ordinance [see separate Town Rate Sheet
 - 2. Electricity shall be included in the dockage fee.
 - 3. When present, the Harbormaster determines the procedures for Short term dockage. “Short term dockage” generally means less than one day but more than one hour.

Sec. 2. The Harbormaster

A Town employee (Harbormaster) shall be stationed at the launch ramp to collect fees and direct boat traffic. This person shall determine order of launch, overnight dockage, and maintain order at the site.

Sec. 3. Dockage and Slip Rental

- A. Seasonal dockage shall be paid by April 1 of the year of rental. Delinquencies shall be notified by certified mail. If, after 10 days from notification those delinquent do not respond, their slip shall be deemed forfeited. Succeeding individuals on the waiting list shall then be offered slip rental and shall have 10 days from notification to pay the full fee. Non-payment shall be deemed forfeiture.
- B. The Town Office shall designate the slip to be rented by boaters.
- C. Boats may be moved to a new slip when necessary upon discretion of the Harbormaster.
- D. Prior to vacating a slip for any period of time greater than one day the renter shall notify the Harbormaster of the length of absence. The Town may rent the slip on a nightly basis during this absence with the proceeds staying with the Town.
- E. Written notice shall be given to the Town Office of intent to permanently vacate a slip.
- F. A good faith attempt shall be made by seasonal and transient dockers to properly secure their vessel to the pier. A minimum of 5/8 inch line shall be used both fore and aft, with a proper springer line to secure the mooring. If a person refuses to properly secure their vessel, they will be asked to vacate the slip.

Sec. 4. Launching

- A. Launching shall be on a first come, first served basis. The Harbormaster shall determine launch priority when a difference arises as to proper order.
- B. Upon launch, the boat shall be moved away from the launch area prior to loading of equipment to facilitate the next boat launching.
- C. A “no wake” speed shall be observed within the harbor and to a distance of 200 feet past the outer breakwall.

Sec. 5. Parking

- A. Parking of autos and trailers shall be at the discretion of the Harbormaster. When the lot becomes full, boaters shall be directed to an alternate site.
- B. Overnight parking shall be allowed with prior permission from the Harbormaster.
- C. Parking shall be limited to launch ramp/dock users.
- D. Guests of adjoining property may park to load and unload their vehicles only. Prolonged parking (greater than ½ hour) shall be prohibited.

Sec. 6. Waiting List

A waiting list shall be maintained by the Town Office for determining slip rental. Written notice shall be given to get on or off the list.

Sec. 7. General Conduct

- A. Vehicle traffic shall observe safe and sound driving practices in the launch area parking lot—reckless driving such as, but not limited to squealing of tires and racing through the lot is prohibited.
- B. Excessive noise from radios, car engines and group activities is expressly prohibited (including explosive devices).
- C. Fishing, swimming, and other water activities are restricted to areas designated for such activities and prohibited between boats moored in seasonal slips and along the north wall.

Sec. 8. Private Enterprises

- A. In keeping with the policy of enjoyment of public facilities by all citizens, any private activity for profit utilizing Town launch ramps shall be allowed by submitting an application for a commercial boat launch permit annually to the Town of Liberty Grove Clerk with ultimate approval, if necessary, by the Town Board.
- B. Commercial operators are prohibited from keeping unoccupied kayaks or vessels on the shoreline or in the water before or after launch.
- C. Launching may not begin until occupants are present to use the vessels.

Sec. 9. Enforcement

- A. This Ordinance may be enforced by the issuance of a citation to any violator of this Ordinance by any Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff of the County of Door, State of Wisconsin, by any State of Wisconsin Officer with police powers, or by any other Law Enforcement Officer employed by the Town of Liberty Grove.
- B. In the alternative, any forfeitures imposed by this Ordinance may be sued for and recovered pursuant to Chapter 778, Wis. Stats., in the name of the Town of Liberty Grove.

Sec. 10. Penalties

Penalties for violations of provisions of this Ordinance shall be not less than \$50 and not more than \$250 for each offense, plus the costs and disbursements of prosecution, plus loss of seasonal or transient docking or launching privileges. Each violation of any section constitutes a separate offense.

Sec. 11. Conflicting Ordinances

All Ordinances in whole or in part of the Town of Liberty Grove which conflict with provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 12. Severance Clause

Provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses or phrases of the Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

Approved by the Liberty Grove Town Board this 17th day of November, 2021.

I, Anastasia P. Bell, Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Liberty Grove, Door County, Wisconsin do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance that was adopted on the 17th day of November, 2021 by the Liberty Grove Town Board.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2021

Anastasia P. Bell, Clerk/Treasurer