

**An Ordinance
Amending Section 7-11-7 of the
Evanston City Code
Regulating Boat Ramps and Boating Activities**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: That Section 7-11-7 of the Evanston City Code, 1979, as amended,
is hereby further amended as follows:

**7-11-7: REGULATIONS OF CITY BOAT RAMPS, BOATING
ACTIVITIES:**

- (A) **Permit Required:** Season permits are required for launching motorized craft from the Church Street Boat Ramp. Season or daily permits are required for launching non-motorized craft from the Church Street Boat Ramp. Season or daily permits are required for launching from the Dempster Street Boat Ramp.
- (B) **Boat Launching:**
1. **Church Street Boat Ramps:** Sailboats over fourteen feet (14') long and all motorized watercraft (including personal watercraft) shall launch only from this ramp. Launching shall occur only between 5:00 A.M. and 11:00 P.M.
 2. **Dempster Street Launch Facility (Carry-In Ramp):** Only sailboats fourteen feet (14') long and under which are not motorized, all carry-in boats, and sailboards shall launch from this ramp.
 3. Permitees shall not provide access in any manner to the boat ramps to non-permit holders for the purpose of launching any motorized watercraft, carry-in boat, sailboat, or sailboard for which a permit has not been issued.
- (C) **Motorized Watercraft Restrictions:**
1. Operators of such watercraft shall not tie up for more than fifteen (15) minutes at the Church Street Boat Ramp.
 2. No overnight docking is permitted at the Church Street Boat Ramp.
 3. Operators of such watercraft shall not cause a wake when entering or leaving the launching area.

4. **Safety Zone:** No motorized watercraft are permitted within one hundred fifty (150) feet east of the line of buoys designating the No Wake Zone, Special Use Zone and the swimming beaches except for launching and retrieving of motorized watercraft.
5. **No Wake Zone:** Operators of motorized watercraft shall not cause a wake within the No Wake Zone designated as eight hundred (800) feet eastward from the shoreline beginning at the midpoint between the Church Street breakwall and the Dempster Street breakwall and stretching northwest to the easternmost point of the Church Street breakwall.
6. **Special Use Zone:** Eight hundred (800) feet perpendicular eastward from the shoreline beginning at the midpoint between the Church Street breakwall and the Dempster Street breakwall and stretching southwest to the easternmost point of the Dempster Street breakwall.
 - (a) No motorized watercraft are permitted within the Special Use Zone without a special permit.
 - (b) Requirements for special permit
 - (1) Event must be planned Monday through Friday, between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.
 - (2) Fifteen (15) or more children under the age of 16 must participate in the event with one adult supervisor for every five (5) children.
 - (3) Event must be sponsored by a not-for-profit entity.
 - (4) Event sponsor must provide a Certificate of Insurance for \$1,000,000 general liability coverage, naming the City of Evanston as an additional insured.
 - (5) Fee is \$25.00 per child.
 - (6) Event cannot conflict with municipally-sponsored programs.

(D) Windsurfing

1. Only one person is permitted on a single windsurfing or similar board.

2. Personal flotation devices (PFDs) are required for windsurfers.
- (E) Closure: The City Manager or a designee may close the launch facilities based on existing conditions or staffing capabilities.
- (F) Rules and Regulations: The City Manager or a designee may promulgate rules and regulations to enforce this Ordinance.
- (G) Penalties: Any person violating Sections 7-11-7(A) and 7-11-7(B)(3) shall be fined five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.
- (H) Administration and Enforcement:
- (1) Administration: The Director of Parks/Forestry and Recreation ("Director") is charged with the administration of this Chapter.
- (2) Suspension Or Revocation of Permit: The Director may suspend or revoke any permit issued under the provisions of this Chapter if he/she determines that the permittee has violated Sections 7-11-7(B)(3), 7-11-7(C)4, 7-11-7(C)(5), and 7-11-7(C)(6).
- (3) Fine in Lieu Of Suspension Or Revocation: In lieu of suspension or revocation of a permit the Director may, instead, levy a fine on the permittee. The fine imposed shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation. Each day on which a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.
- (4) Hearing; Decision; Fees:
- a. Notice of Hearing: No such permit shall be suspended or revoked and no permittee shall be fined except after a public hearing by the Director with a 7-day written notice to the permittee affording the permittee an opportunity to appear and defend against the charges contained in such notice. The 7-day notice provisions shall begin the day following delivery by certified mail or by personal service.
- b. Director's Decision: The Director shall within seven (7) days after such hearing, if he/she determines after such hearing that the permit should be revoked or suspended, or that the permittee should be fined, state the reason for such determination in a written order and either the amount of the fine, the period of suspension or that the permit has been revoked and serve a copy of such order within the seven (7) days upon the permittee. Fines shall be paid to the City within thirty (30) days of said decision.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

Introduced: April 27, 1998

Adopted: April 27, 1998

Approved: April 30, 1998

Luaine H. Norton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary P. Morris
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Kathleen A. Breese
Corporation Counsel