

**Village of Birchwood  
Ordinance Amendment 10-2025  
Boats**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village of Birchwood of the Village of Birchwood as follows:

Chapter 18 – Parks and Recreation of the Code of the Village of Birchwood is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Article III. – BOATS [amend]**

**Sec. 18-83 Applicability and Enforcement.**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the waters of Birch Lake.  
This chapter shall be enforced by the officers of the water safety patrol of the Village of Birchwood and Washburn County.

**Sec. 18-84 Intent.**

The intent of this ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interests and the capability of the water resources.

**Sec. 18-85 State Boating and Safety Laws Adopted.**

State boating laws as found in ss. 30.50 to 30.71, Wis. Stats., are adopted by reference.

**Sec. 18-86 Penalties.**

Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in s. 30.80, Wis. Stats., and deposits established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conferences, are hereby adopted by reference and all references to fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment are deleted.

**Sec. 18-87 Severability.**

The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable, and it is expressly declared that the Village of Birchwood would have passed the other provisions of this Ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or

circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

**Sec. 18-88 Definitions.**

“Slow-no-wake” means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.

**Sec. 18-89 No Wake Area.**

No person shall operate a boat in the following area at a speed than “Slow No Wake”, as defined in 30.50(12), Wisconsin Statutes 1988, as “that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.” Said “No Wake” areas in the waters of Birch Lake are located at:

- (1) Village of Birchwood
  - a. N45.66221 W091.54770
  - b. N45.66152 W091.54783
  - c. N45.66112 W091.54861
  - d. N45.660.69 W091.55434
- (2) Town of Edgewater
  - a. 45°40.374'N 91°31.924'W (Birch Lake)
  - b. 45°40.748'N 91°31.338'W (Big Chetac)

**Sec. 18-90 Markers and Navigation Aids**

Duty, the Village of Birchwood shall place and maintain suitable markers and signs in such waters as shall be appropriate to advise the public of the provisions of this article and post and maintain a copy of this section at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Village.

**Sec. 18-91 Posting Requirements.**

The Village of Birchwood shall place and maintain a synopsis of this ordinance at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Village of Birchwood pursuant to the requirements of NR 5.15, Wis. Adm. Code.

**Sec. 18-92 Effective Date.**

This section will become effective upon its passage.



Passed this 12 day of August 2025

I, Melissa Warner, being fully appointed Deputy Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Birchwood; hereby certify that the above and foregoing is true and correct copy of the above referenced ordinance.

In Witness whereof, I have herewith set my hand and affixed the seal of said Municipality this

12 day of August, 2025.

Rocky VanGilder  
Rocky VanGilder, Village President

Attest: Melissa Warner  
Melissa Warner, Village Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Posted: The Post Office, Pioneer Market & Deli, Birchwood Village Hall, Village Website

Post Date: 8/13/25