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Prior Lake City Council Amends Speed Limit and No Wake Zones on Prior Lake

The Prior Lake City Council approved refinements to the city's Public Waters Ordinance that governs no wake zones and speeds limits on Prior Lake on Monday, May 4. The changes include a clarification of the speed limit on Upper and Lower Prior Lake and specific no wake zone changes.

The amendments place a 40-miles-per-hour speed limit on the lake during daytime hours each day (20 mph at night), not just during the daytime on weekends and holidays, and establishes specific no wake zones in the following channels:

1. The channel directly north and south of the County Rd. 21 bridge starting and ending at the navigational red and green channel markers located at both ends.
2. The navigational channel marked by red and green navigational channel markers and no wake buoys to the east of Reeds Island.
3. The navigation channel marked by slow no wake buoys at both ends north and south of the Lords Street Bridge.
4. The navigational channel marked by slow no wake buoys entering and exiting from Boudin's Bay including the entire surface area of Boudin's Bay.
5. The entire surface area of Candy Cove starting and ending at the no wake buoy placed approximately 150 feet west of the entrance point to Candy Cove.
6. The channel located at the entrance/exit point to Mud Bay marked by slow no wake buoys at either end of the navigable channel.

An ordinance provision relating to towing flotation items will continue to be studied by the Lakes Advisory Committee.

These provisions should enhance enforcement on the lakes. Scott County Sheriffs Department is responsible for patrolling and enforcing this ordinance.