# LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING PACKET

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 4:00 p.m.



Mayor Carol C. Pritchett
Mayor Pro Tem David DiOrio
Commissioner Patrick Bryant
Commissioner Scott Doster
Commissioner Jim Proctor

#### TOWN OF LAKE LURE

#### **Marine Commission Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 - 4:00 PM Lake Lure Municipal Center



#### **Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Agenda Adoption
- III. Public Hearing
  - A. Resolution No. 23-09-12 Amending the Lake Use Regulations Page 2
    - i. Staff Report
    - ii. Public Hearing
    - iii. Commission Deliberation
    - iv. Consideration for Adoption of Resolution No. 23-09-12 Amending the Lake Use Regulations

#### IV. Public Comment

The public is invited to speak on any non-agenda and/or consent agenda topics. Comments should be limited to less than five minutes.

#### V. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the June 13, 2023 Regular Marine Commission Meeting Minutes - Page 35

#### VI. Unfinished Business

#### VII. Appeal Hearings

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- B. Request to Appeal Civil Citation No. 000058 Page 50
- C. Request to Appeal Civil Citation No. 000153 Page 56

#### **VIII. New Business**

#### IX. Adjournment

# III PUBLIC HEARING

A. Resolution No. 23-09-12 Amending the Lake Use Regulations

## LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Meeting Date: September 12, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Resolution No. 23-09-12 Amending the Lake Use Regulations

#### AGENDA INFORMATION:

Agenda Location: Public Hearing

Item Number: A

**Department:** Parks, Recreation, and Lake

Contact: Dana Bradley, Parks, Recreation, and Trails Coordinator

Presenter: Dana Bradley, Parks, Recreation, and Trails Coordinator

#### **BRIEF SUMMARY:**

The Lake Advisory Board has provided the Marine Commission with various recommended amendments to the Lake Use Regulations. Following public hearing, the Marine Commission will consider taking action in regard to proposed Resolution No. 23-09-12 Amending the Lake Use Regulations.

#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION AND REQUESTED ACTIONS:**

To adopt Resolution No. 23-09-12 Amending the Lake Use Regulations.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution No. 23-09-12 Amending the Lake Use Regulations



#### **RESOLUTION NO. 23-09-12**

### RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION AMENDING THE LAKE USE REGULATIONS

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Lake Lure Town Council created the Lake Lure Marine Commission as authorized by special act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina for the purpose of regulating all activities on Lake Lure; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Use Regulations were adopted by resolution on March 9, 2004; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lake Advisory Board comprehensively reviewed the entirety of the Lake Use Regulations and recommended various amendments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Marine Commission of the Town of Lake Lure, North Carolina, that the following revisions to the Lake Use Regulations are hereby placed in effected and shall be enforced by the Town of Lake Lure:

[Words stricken through to be deleted, words underlined to be added]

**SECTION ONE.** The Lake Use Regulations are hereby amended, as follows:

#### **SECTION 1: INTENT AND DEFINITIONS**

#### § 1.01 INTENT.

All land covered by the waters of Lake Lure to the 995-foot Mean Sea Level (MSL) elevation is owned by the Town of Lake Lure. Said Lake is held in trust by the Town of Lake Lure for the benefit of the citizens of the Town. The Lake Lure Town Council created the Lake Lure Marine Commission as authorized by special act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina for the purposes of regulating all activities on Lake Lure. The Lake Use Regulations were first adopted by Resolution on March 9, 2004 to govern use of the Lake for the purpose of enhancing the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens. The Town assumes no responsibility for Lake use. Use Lake at your own risk. **Adopted 6-13-17, Amended 9-26-22** 

#### § 1.02 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of these regulations, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

- "BERTH." A designated location at a dock, slip, lake structure or other place on the Lake used for storing or mooring a water vessel. **Adopted 9-26-22**
- "BOAT." For the purpose of these regulations, the term "boat" shall mean any form of water vessel. **Amended 11-9-04**
- "COMMERCIAL CRAFT." Water vessels used in connection with any type of business, trade or commerce, for profit or non-profit, including but not limited to: boat rentals, marinas, resorts, inns, lodging establishments, camps, ski schools, fishing guides, tour boats, contractors, boat repair companies or house rentals (that are required to pay occupancy tax) with boats, property management companies or property owner's associations. **Amended 11-9-04, 4-8-08, 6-13-17, 9-26-22**

"COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS." Any use of the Lake in a manner that will generate direct or indirect revenue or by an entity that operates for profit or not-for-profit (excluding governmentally established entities) **Amended 4-08-08** 

This is further quantified into eight classifications:

- (1) Liveries Boating operations that provide watercraft for rent. **Amended 2-13-07, 10-8-19, 7-13-20**
- (2) Resorts Boating operations available to patrons at resorts, inns, or lodging establishments. **Amended 3-13-2018**
- (3) Camps Boating operations at camp facilities. Amended 3-13-2018
- (4) Ski Schools All commercial operations providing water sports activities, not associated with a specific camp, resort, inn or lodging facility. **Amended 3-13-2018**
- (5) Tour Boats Boating operations that are used to provide piloted tours of the Lake. Boats in this class require a concession agreement with the Town regardless of the number permitted. **Amended 6-13-17**
- (6) Fishing Guides Boating operations that are not associated with a specific camp, resort, inn or lodging facility and are used to provide a piloted fishing excursion.
- (7) Services Boating operations utilized by building contractors and boat repair companies. **Amended 6-13-17**
- (8) Vacation Rentals Boating operations available to individuals renting a residential vacation rental during their stay. **Adopted 10-8-19. Amended 1-14-20**

"COMMERCIAL OPERATORS." All boat operators who pilot boats for commercial classifications 2-7, inclusive. **Amended 11-9-04** 

"DEVELOPED LOT." A developed lot shall be a lot whereon a residence or business building

is constructed. (Res. Passed 4-11-06)

"LAKE, also LAKE LURE" The body of water known as Lake Lure formed by the creation of the dam at Tumbling Shoals over the Broad River in Rutherford County, NC including that portion of the Broad River within the Town of Lake Lure extending above the Lake.

Amended 11-9-04, 6-13-17, 9-26-22

"LAKE COMMERCIAL LICENSE." A license issued annually by the Marine Commission for commercial operations on the waters of Lake Lure. **Amended 11-9-04, 6-13-17** 

"LAUNCHING." Any method of placing a water vessel onto the Lake from the land above the shoreline. This does not include launching of water vessels from lake structures.

**Amended 11-9-04** 

"LAUNCH SITE." Any location on the land adjacent to the shoreline of Lake Lure that may be used for launching water vessel(s), provided that this term does not include lake structures as defined in the Lake Structures Regulations. **Amended 11-9-04, 6-13-17** 

"LAUNCH SITE, PRIVATE." A launch site available for use by one single-use family dwelling for launching only boats permitted in that family's name. **Amended 11-9-04** 

"LAUNCH SITE, GENERAL." Any launch site other than a private launch site. **Amended 11-9-04** 

"MARINE COMMISSION." The Lake Lure Marine Commission as established by Ordinance 03-09-09. **Amended 11-9-04** 

"MOORING." A location adjacent to the shoreline or any lake structure equipped with cleats, posts or any other devices intended to secure a boat. Adopted 9-26-22

"MOTORIZED BOAT." A water vessel with any type of motor in or on the boat.

"NON-MOTORIZED BOAT." A water vessel without any type of motor, including electric motors, in or on the vessel and moved only by oars, paddles, pedals, sails and/or the current.

"NON-PEAK SEASON." The period of each year starting on the Tuesday after Labor Day through the Thursday before Memorial Day. **Amended 11-9-04** 

"NON-RESIDENT." Any person not owning real property within the corporate limits of the Town. **Amended 9-26-22** 

"NO-WAKE." Idle speed or a slow speed where boaters operate at the minimal speed to maintain steering not to exceed 1000 RPM and characterized by no whitewater emanating from the bow. **Amended 6-13-17**, **9-26-22** 

"NO WAKE ZONE." No wake designated areas authorized by the Marine Commission and marked with buoys at the entry points. These areas are intended to protect non-motorized

vessels and swimmers and mitigate damage to personal property and critical infrastructure such as the dam. Adopted 9-26-22

"PEAK SEASON." The period of each year starting on the Friday before Memorial Day through Monday, Labor Day. **Amended 11-9-04** 

"PERMIT." A display permit issued by the Marine Commission to operate a boat on Lake Lure for recreational, fishing and/or commercial purposes.

"PERMIT LIMIT." The maximum number of permits which will be issued for a specific permit classification. **Amended 11-9-04** 

"PERSONALWATERCRAFT" (ALSO KNOWN AS PWC OR SKICRAFT)." A motorized watercraft, regardless of its type of power or means of propulsion, which is primarily designed to be operated by a person sitting, kneeling, standing or laying down as opposed to sitting in, as a boat. Said term shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to jet skis, wave runners, motorized surfboards, hydro-flying devices or semi-submersible personal watercraft. **Amended 9-26-22** 

"PONTOON BOAT." A flat deck boat supported by two or more hollow metal tubes filled with air to provide buoyancy.

"PROPERTY OWNERS." This term shall be deemed to include corporations, joint property owners (i.e., a person listed on the deed of record as an owner of the real property), and "time share" owners.

"PUBLIC BATHING BEACH." A public access to the waters of Lake Lure where swimming is allowed. **Adopted 6-13-17** 

"RESIDENT." Any person owning real property within the corporate limits of the Town or any person who resides within the corporate limits of the Town for more than 50% of the calendar year.

"RESIDENTIAL VACATION RENTAL." The renting of a single-family dwelling, duplex, or any portion thereof, for occupancy, dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes. Said term shall include a motorized pontoon or tritoon boat and/or non-motorized watercraft(s) which shall also be rented for the same duration of time as the dwelling, and registered in the property owner's name. **Adopted 10-8-19** 

"TOWING." The recreational drawing or pulling along of a person or persons participating in watersports; not the pulling of another boat. **Adopted 9-26-22** 

"VACATION RENTAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY." A business that is the responsible party as designated by the owner to act for and on behalf of the owner in managing the property, that provides motorized and/or non-motorized watercraft(s) that are registered with the business. **Adopted 10-8-19** 

"WATERSPORTS." An activity which involves being towed behind an operating motorized boat and includes water skiing, knee boarding, wake boarding, wake surfing, tubing and similar activities. **Amended 9-26-22** 

"WATER VESSEL(S)." Every description of watercraft, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water. Said term shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to pontoon boats, fishing boats, ski boats, pleasure boats, row boats, kayaks, stand up paddle boards, sail boats, hydro-bikes, paddle boats or canoes. **Adopted 3-9-04, Amended 6-13-17, 9-26-22** 

#### **SECTION 2: FISHING**

#### § 2.01 LICENSE REQUIRED.

All required persons shall secure a license from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in accordance with NC General Statutes before fishing in the waters of Lake Lure. (Authority: G. S. § 113-270.1B)

(Res. Passed 3-9-04) Penalty, see § 6.01 Amended 6-13-17, 9-26-22

#### § 2.02 LIMITS ON NUMBERS AND SIZE OF FISH CAUGHT.

The maximum number and minimum size of trout, bass and crappie that may be taken from Lake Lure is as follows:

The creel limits and size restrictions for all fish, including trout, bass and crappie, shall be the equivalent to current state restrictions. See the North Carolina State Wildlife Regulations for restriction details.

Lake Lure is classified by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission as "Undesignated Waters." For mountain trout, there is no size limit or bait restriction. There is no closed season and no trout fishing license is required. The daily creel limit for trout is seven fish.

(Res. Passed 3-9-04) Penalty, see § 6.01 **Amended 4-11-06, 10-14-08, 04-08-14, 6-13-17, 9-26-**

#### § 2.03 STATIONARY FISHING DEVICES.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to place basket trot lines or other stationary or unmarked devices, other than poles and those items normally used by sport fishermen, for the catching of fish in the waters of Lake Lure.

(Res. Passed 3-9-04) Penalty, see § 6.01 Amended 9-26-22

#### **SECTION 3: BATHING**

## § 3.01 ENTERING THE WATERS OF LAKE LURE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN IMPAIRING SUBSTANCE.

No person shall enter the waters of Lake Lure for any purpose while under the influence of an impairing substance.

(Res. Passed 3-9-04) Penalty, see § 6.01 **Amended 6-13-17, 9-26-22** 

#### § 3.02 SWIMMING OFFSHORE.

Swimming, diving, rope swinging, water-sliding and floating activities in Lake Lure are regulated as follows:

- (A) No person shall swim, dive, swing from a rope, float with a buoyancy device or waterslide into waters greater than 50 feet from the shoreline of Lake Lure. Owners of rental property are responsible for informing tenants of the 50-foot offshore swimming regulation and may be held jointly responsible for failure to comply.
- (B) Swimming or floating from a boat is permissible if accompanied by an observer located inside the boat. Waterborne activities from a boat must remain within 25 feet of the boat and are not permitted in marked exclusion zones. Areas of heavy boat traffic and navigation channels should be avoided.
- (C) Floating platforms of all types must be located within 30 feet of shore and be securely tethered to an anchor or permanent structure. Floating platforms shall not be secured to buoys, utility infrastructure or trees.
- (D) It shall be unlawful to swim in Lake Lure off of the shore of any Town-owned land parcels except permitted beaches.

(Res. Passed 3-9-04) Penalty, see § 6.01 **Amended 6-13-17, 9-26-22** 

#### § 3.03 JUMPING FROM ROADWAYS OR BRIDGES.

It is unlawful to dive, jump or swim into the waters of Lake Lure from any road or road right of way, bridge or the area adjacent to any bridge within the Town limits.

(Res. Passed 3-9-04) Penalty, see § 6.01 **Amended 6-13-17, 9-26-22** 

#### **SECTION 4: BOATING**

#### § 4.01 PERMIT FEE; BOATING PERMIT REQUIRED.

(A) Except as hereinafter provided, all persons, firms, or corporations shall secure a permit from the Marine Commission or its designated agents before placing, operating, or allowing any motorized boat water vessel to be placed or operated on Lake Lure. Non-motorized boat permits must be affixed to the starboard (right) side on the bow (front) of the vessel. Motorized boat pP ermits must be affixed to both port (left) and starboard (right) sides on the bow (front) of the vessel.

Commercial operations classifications 1-7 shall also secure a permit for all non-motorized boats placed or operated on Lake Lure. Non-motorized boat permits must be affixed to the starboard (right) side on the bow (front) of the vessel.

#### Penalty, see § 6.01 **Amended 7-13-21, 9-26-22**

(1) Boating permits for the <u>calendar year upcoming season</u> will be made available for purchase on January 1st of that year. As stipulated in Section 4.01(A), permits must be purchased prior to placing or arranging for the placement of any water vessel onto Lake Lure.

#### **Adopted 9-26-22**

- (2) Beginning January 1st of each year, water vessels that are underway (in operation), adrift, beached or anchored on Lake Lure shall display the current year permit as required in Section 4.01(A). Prior to May 1st, vessels being delivered to the Lake by a third-party provider (not the owner) and being operated directly between the launch site and berth shall be excused from this requirement. **Adopted 9-26-22**
- (3) No later than April 30th of each year beginning in 2023, all other water vessels on or over Lake Lure shall display the current year season permit as required in Section 4.01(A). This includes those water vessels inside boathouses and/or those affixed to a dock, a lake structure, the shore or other stationary object regardless of the vessel's condition, serviceability or frequency of use. Adopted 9-26-22
- (B) All commercial operations must apply for a lake commercial license in accordance with section 4.08 and 4.09 of these regulations. **Amended 4-11-06, 6-13-17**
- (C) All Town employees and any member on the active roster of the Lake Lure, Bill's Creek, Chimney Rock, or Fairfield Volunteer Fire Departments shall be entitled to receive one complimentary annual seasonal water vessel permit. A member on the active roster of the Bat Cave, Gerton or Sunny View Volunteer Fire Departments may purchase one annual seasonal water vessel permit at the resident rate. Only one complimentary boat permit is allowed, per household. All Town employees shall be considered residents for the purpose of renting a boat slip at the Town Marina. Amended 7-12-11, 6-13-17, 10-8-19, 7-13-21, 9-26-22
- (D) Retired employees from the Town of Lake Lure that served 10 years and/or is a Town of Lake Lure retired police officer that served at least a total number of years equaling 10 or more by either full-term service alone or additional service as a Reserve Officer, with each four years equaling one full-time year of service shall be entitled to receive one complimentary annual seasonal water vessel permit. Only one complimentary boat permit is allowed, per household. All retired Town employees who meet the above criteria shall be considered residents for the purpose of renting a boat slip at the Town Marina. Amended 7-13-21, 9-26-22
- (E) Federal, State and Local governmental agencies are exempt from this Section provided they are operating in an official capacity, including but not limited to training, research, data collection, emergency response, or other service- related duties. Complimentary permits will

be provided for the dates and times needed to perform their official duties, and will only require a valid registration. Vessel length restrictions shall not be imposed. Vessels permitted under this policy shall not be used for recreational activities. **Adopted 12-13-16** 

- (F) Contractors that are providing a lake-related service to the Town of Lake Lure under a Town sponsored project will receive a complimentary boat permit. Permits granted under this section are only valid for the duration of the project. Valid registration and insurance will be required. Vessel length restrictions shall not be imposed. Vessels permitted under this policy shall not be used for recreational activities. **Amended 7-13-21**
- (G) Contractors that are providing a lake-related construction service for a property owner on Lake Lure that has specialized equipment generally prohibited by the Lake Use Regulations may apply for a prorated commercial temporary boat permit for a specific job they are contracted for. Permits granted under this Section are only valid for the duration of the project and are subject to a commercial license application fee. Valid boat registration and commercial boat insurance will be required in accordance with Section 4.07(C) of these Regulations. Vessel length restrictions shall not be imposed. Vessels permitted under this policy shall not be used for recreational activities or any other use than approved for. Approval of a commercial temporary boat permit will be at the discretion of the Parks, Recreation & Lake Director or the Town Manager. Adopted 3-12-19
- (H) Corporations owning real property in the Town of Lake Lure may purchase an seasonal annual water vessel permit at resident rate, provided the proper registration papers can be presented showing the boat is registered to the corporation.
- (I) Residents or their spouses who own a developed lot (a lot with a dwelling or commercial structure) qualify for up to three resident annual seasonal motorized boat permits, provided that the maximum number of permits for motorized boats have not been issued.

  Amended 4-11-06, 2-13- 07, 6-13-17, 7-13-21
- (J) Property owners or their spouses owning an undeveloped lot qualify for one <u>seasonal</u> annual motorized boat permit at the resident rate, provided that the maximum number of permits for motorized boats have not been issued. **Amended 4-11-06, 2-13-07, 9-09-14, 6-13-17, 7-13-21, 9-26-22**
- (K) Owners of timeshare properties within the Town of Lake Lure may purchase one motorized boat permit at the resident rate for the week(s) for which they have a timeshare contract, provided that the maximum number of permits for motorized boats have not been issued. Verification of the contract is required. **Amended 4-11-06, 9-26-22**
- (L) A hard copy of the valid and current state registration, proof of insurance, and, unless previously submitted, a specification sheet that lists the weight and length of the water vessel must be presented to the designated issuing agent when purchasing a boat permit. A resident's or property owner's registration must match the name on the Town's tax records for the permit to be issued as a resident permit. Commercial operators must present tax records if their water vessel is registered with a leasing agency. Amended 9-26-22
  - (1) North Carolina General Statutes G.S. 75A-5 (b) and G.S. 75A-7 (a) (1) stipulate

that when a vessel registered in another state is brought into North Carolina for over 90 consecutive days, the registration must be transferred to North Carolina. Active-duty military, temporarily stationed in North Carolina, who have a valid out of state registration for their vessel are exempt from this requirement. **Adopted 9-26-22** 

- (2) To comply with this statute, no water vessel registered in a state other than North Carolina will be eligible for issuance of a resident or non-resident seasonal annual boating permit. Instead, these vessels will be issued a one-time 90-day temporary and non-renewable boating permit. Following the expiration of that permit, the water vessel must be removed from Lake Lure for the remainder of the calendar year unless the registration is changed to North Carolina and an annual seasonal permit has been issued. Adopted 9-26-22
- (3) Commercial craft are intended to operate year-round as North Carolina business related property and are not eligible for 90-day permits. All commercial vessels must therefore be registered in the State of North Carolina to be eligible for a Lake Lure commercial boating permit. **Adopted 9-26-22**
- (M) The Marine Commission has adopted the following limits on motorized boat permits for water vessels greater than 10HP:
  - (1) A maximum of 1,000 resident seasonal annual or 90-day motorized use permits.
  - (2) A maximum of 100 non-resident <u>seasonal</u> annual motorized use permits. Owners must have a designated commercial or Town berth to be eligible. Non-resident Town marina slip renters are assured a permit. **Amended 12-11-12, 6-13-17, 6-9-20, 9-26-22**
- (N) Owners of lakefront lots having structures thereon shall have the E911 designated address assigned to the property posted in accordance with §42.6 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Lake Lure titled "Boat House Numbering." Said signs shall be ordered through the Town office before any <u>seasonal annual</u> water vessel permit may be obtained from the Town. A boat permit may be revoked if found to be registered under a lakefront property without the required E911 designated address sign posted in accordance with Section 42.6 of the Lake Lure Code of Ordinances. **Amended 4-11-06, 6-13-17, 7-13-21**
- (O) The Marine Commission will determine the total number of available commercial and/or non-commercial boat permits based on a schedule of permit limits. To ensure the health, safety and welfare of those who use the Lake, the schedule will be reviewed annually utilizing standards established by the Marine Commission which may include, but are not limited to, formulas utilized by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Interior, Environmental Protection Agency and data from the Coast Guard and the Town of Lake Lure. To help maintain an accurate account of the number of commercial boats being permitted, all applicants who apply for and are approved for commercial boats to be permitted are required to purchase permits for all boats that were applied for and approved by the Marine Commission prior to April 15th of the permitted year or their space will be reallocated to other applicants. Amended 3-13-18, 6-12-18, 9-26-22
- (P) All applications for motorized boat permits must be accompanied by proof of marine

liability insurance coverage written by a company approved by the State of North Carolina and AM Best. All non-commercial motorized applications must have minimum marine liability coverage of \$300,000.00 per incident. All applicants for commercial motorized boat permits must hold a lake commercial license and adhere to the insurance requirements defined under section 4.07 below. Proof of marine liability insurance coverage shall be the actual marine liability insurance policy (or either a copy of the marine liability insurance policy or certificate of marine liability insurance provided directly to the Town from the insurance provider) which specifically references the boat by listing the boat's serial number, state registration number or reference that adequately insures that the boat is covered by the policy that a permit is being requested for, states liability limits for said boat, and identifies effective and renewal dates for policy. (Res. Passed 3-9-04) Penalty, see § 6.01 Amended 9-26-22

(Q) Boat permits are not transferrable or replaceable.

#### § 4.02 PERMIT CATEGORIES.

#### **Boat Permit Types:**

(AMRM) – Resident/Non-Resident Seasonal Annual Motorized

- Use 24/7 no date/time restriction
- Towing permitted
- Non-Resident owners must have a designated commercial or Town berth on the Lake to be eligible.

#### (NRM) – Non-Resident Seasonal Motorized

- <u>Use 24/7 no date/time restriction</u>
- Towing permitted
- Must have a designated commercial or Town berth on the Lake to be eligible.

#### (AM10SM10) - Resident/Non-Resident Seasonal Annual Motorized 10hp or less

- Must be 10HP or less (or equivalent)
- Use 24/7 no date/time restriction
- Towing prohibited

#### (AN) - Resident/Non-Resident Annual Non-Motorized

- Vessels without any type of motor, including electric motors, in or on the vessel
- With the exception of sailboats and sculling vessels, all non-motorized vessels shall operate only within 75ft of the shore or within the no-wake zone unless crossing the Lake at a 90 degree angle to access the opposite shoreline no-wake zone

#### (ARM90) – Resident 90-Day Motorized

- All resident-owned vessels registered out of state independent of residency
- Use 24/7 during 90-day period

- Towing permitted
- 90-day period designated by marker annotation on sticker
- Vessel must be removed from Lake following expiration of permit
- Non-renewable in any one calendar year
- Commercial craft are not eligible

#### (SF) – Resident/Non-Resident Seasonal Motorized Fishing Boat

- During peak season, use is limited to nighttime only 9pm 9am
- May be used anytime during non-peak season
- Towing prohibited

#### (DM) - Daily Motorized

- Valid for the date specified (not 24 hours from time of purchase)
- Not valid on holidays or weekends during peak season, including July 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Towing permitted

#### (DN) - Daily Non Motorized

- Vessels without any type of motor, including electric motors, in or on the vessel
- Shall operate only within the no-wake areas, unless crossing the lake at a 90-degree angle to access the opposite shoreline no-wake zone
- Valid for the date specified (not 24 hours from time of purchase)

#### (WT) - Weekly Timeshare

- Valid for one week (including weekends and holidays) for a timeshare owner
- Must be the owner of the timeshare; No exchanges
- Must own the week specified for the permit

#### Temporary Permit (Special Use)

- Temporary permit valid for 1 hour or less, time specific
- Towing prohibited
- Must provide a valid boat registration and \$300,000 watercraft liability insurance
- Special permission must be granted by the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Department

Commercial Permits Types: (All boats in this category must be approved annually and included in the Commercial model. \$1 million watercraft liability insurance coverage for motorized vessels required.

#### (L) – Livery

- Pontoon/tritoon boats only
- Towing prohibited
- Short or long-term boat rentals from commercially zoned properties and approved by Marine Commission

#### (TW) - Towed Water

- Commercial entity approved by the Marine Commission for towed activities
- Towed activities only conducted by operators approved by the Marine Commission

#### (T) - Tour Boats

- Towing prohibited
- Must have a current concession agreement with the Town

#### (S) - Service Boats / Fishing Guides

- May operate 24/7
- Towing prohibited

#### (VR) - Vacation Rentals

- Pontoon/tritoon boats only
- May operate 24/7
- Towing prohibited
- Permit valid for a vessel included with a specific Town approved vacation rental (boat must have been included on the vacation rental application).

#### (CN) - Commercial Non-Motorized

- Vessels without any type of motor, including electric motors, in or on the vessel
- <u>Sshall</u> operate only within the no-wake areas, unless crossing the lake at a 90-degree angle to access the opposite shoreline no-wake zone.

#### **Amended 9-26-22**

#### § 4.03 PROHIBITED WATER VESSELS.

- (A) Specification Limitations: The Town of Lake Lure Parks, Recreation and Lake Department reserves the right to verify watercraft specifications. State registration annotations supersede self-reported specifications. **Amended 4-12-05, 12-13-16, 6-13-17, 7-13-21, 9-26-22** 
  - (1) No pontoon or tritoon boat shall exceed 28 feet in length, per the manufacturer's specifications. **Adopted 9-26-22**
  - (2) No rowing shell, dragon boat or other sculling vessel shall exceed 28 feet in length unless approved by the Town Manager or the Parks, Recreation and Lake Director. **Adopted 9-26-22**
  - (3) Other boat types, including but not limited to runabouts, ski boats, deck boats, row boats, fishing boats, sail boats, paddle boats, kayaks and canoes shall not exceed 21 feet in length, per manufacturer's specifications, not to include removable platforms.

#### **Adopted 9-26-22**

- (4) No boat, other than pontoon/tritoon boats, exceeding 4000 pounds dry weight, per manufacturer's specifications, will be permitted on Lake Lure. **Adopted 1-12-16**
- (5) All vessels employing an external mechanical means of propulsion (outboard) are limited to a single unit, trolling motors excluded, not to exceed 300 horse power or equivalent. This includes all gasoline and diesel engines, electric motors, and hybrid systems. **Adopted 9-26-22**
- (6) Permits for the operation of ballast or similar boats designed to produce wakes sufficient to sustain wake surfing shall be limited to owners of real property in Lake Lure. Such boats owned by non-residents are strictly prohibited on the waters of Lake Lure. **Adopted 7-13-21** 
  - (a) All ballasts must be thoroughly emptied off site prior to placing the vessel into the waters of Lake Lure.
- (7) No vehicle, watercraft, seaplane, airboat, fly board, or hover craft shall be allowed on Lake Lure unless said watercraft or vessel qualifies for and has obtained a current permit pursuant to the Lake Use Regulations of the Town of Lake Lure. Certain vehicles, such as seaplanes, do not qualify for permits under any circumstances and, therefore, are prohibited from the waters of Lake Lure. Any vessel, including a watercraft and a seaplane which is not specifically allowed and/or has a current permit shall not be placed on the waters of Lake Lure. **Amended 6-13-17** 
  - (a) Emergency watercraft and emergency aircraft employed in actual firefighting and/or emergency activities are exempt from this prohibition. (Res. Passed 3-9-04) (Penalty, see § 6.01) **Amended 6-13-17**
- (8) Water vessels with built-in kitchen and toilet facilities and/or houseboats shall not be permitted on the waters of Lake Lure.
- (9) The exhaust of every internal combustion engine used on any water vessel shall be effectively muffled by equipment so constructed and used as to muffle the noise of the exhaust in a reasonable manner. (Authority: N.C.G. S. § 75A-9)
- (10) No personal watercraft shall be permitted on the waters of Lake Lure. Adopted 9-26-22 Penalty, see § 6.01 **Amended 9-26-22**
- (B) The Marine Commission shall allow the issuance of permits for these specified circumstances:
  - (1) Operational personal watercraft previously permitted prior to 1988 and every subsequent year and owned by a resident.
  - (2) Operational water vessels greater than 300 horsepower permitted prior to 2023 and every subsequent year and owned by a resident. **Amended 6-13-17**, **9-26-22**

#### § 4.04 REGULATIONS REGARDING OPERATION OF BOATS; RESTRICTED AREAS.

- (A) No water vessels shall be operated shoreward of markers designating restricted areas.
- (B) Wake surfers must comply with NC Wildlife Resource Commission Guidelines on wake surfing including maintaining a safe distance from boaters and personal property. Lake Lure requires wake surfers to maintain at least 150 feet separation from shorelines and other boats. Recreational boaters should provide surfers a wide berth and surfers should suspend activity if unable to maintain safe separation. Penalty, see § 6.01 **Adopted 9-26-22**
- (C) No water vessels shall be tied to any Town owned public dock for longer than two and a half hours, except for boats owned or permitted in the name of the Town, unless special permission is received from the Town Manager. Penalty, see § 6.01 **Amended 9-26-22**
- (D) No water vessels shall operate at a speed greater than "no wake" on areas of Lake Lure when such areas are properly marked with a lawfully placed buoy or marker. Penalty, see § 6.01 **Amended 9-26-22**
- (E) No water vessel shall be tied to any lawfully placed marker buoy, manhole or other utility infrastructure on the Lake or the shoreline of Lake Lure. Penalty, see § 6.01 **Amended 9-26-22**
- (F) All buoys, including mooring buoys, or safety marker placements must be approved by the Marine Commission. All markings will be in accordance with the Uniform Waterway Marking System and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's regulations. **Amended 9-11-18, 9-26-22**
- (G) All non-motorized boats, excluding sailboats and sculling vessels, shall stay within 75ft of the shore or within the no-wake zone except when crossing the Lake at a 90-degree angle to access the opposite shoreline no-wake zone. **Adopted 1-12-16**, **Amended 9-26-22**

#### § 4.05 MANNER OF OPERATION OF BOATS.

- (A) No person shall operate a motorized water vessel on Lake Lure until they have completed Lake Lure designated training and obtained a Lake Lure Boat Operator License. Penalty, see § 6.01 Amended 2-13-07, 6-13-17, 9-26-22
- (B) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a water vessel on Lake Lure in a reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person upon or near said Lake. It shall also be unlawful for the owner of any water vessel to allow said water vessel to be operated in a reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger life, limb, or property of any person upon or near said Lake. (Authority: N.C.G.S. § 75A-10) Penalty, see § 6.01 Amended 9-26-22
- (1) Speed Restrictions:

- (a) No person shall operate a water vessel on Lake Lure at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing. Speed which is excessive under the circumstances shall be considered reckless or negligent as provided above. **Adopted 9-26-22**
- (b) Except as provided elsewhere in these regulations, it shall be unlawful to operate a water vessel in excess of the following speeds:
  - (1) Forty-five miles per hour regardless of conditions **Adopted 9-26-22**
  - (2) "No Wake" speed within 75 feet of another vessel, 75 feet of the shoreline or in areas marked with a lawfully placed buoy or marker. **Amended 9-26-22**
  - (3) All water vessels must be operated at "No Wake" speed (max 1000 RPM) from 7pm to 7am during the months of October through April and 9pm to 7am during the months of May through September. **Amended 9-26-22**
  - (4) "No Wake" speed within 100 feet of an emergency vessel that is displaying its emergency lights **Adopted 9-26-22**
- (BC) No person shall operate a water vessel on the waters of Lake Lure while under the influence of an impairing substance or after having consumed sufficient alcohol that said person has, at any relevant time after the operation of said water vessel, an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more. The consumption of fortified wine and spirituous liquor on the Lake is prohibited by N.C.G.S. §18B-301. The fact that a person charged with violating this subsection is or has been legally entitled to use alcohol or a drug is not a defense to a charge under this section. Amended 6-13-17
- (C) No personal shall operate a motorized water vessel on Lake Lure until they have completed Lake Lure designated training and obtained a Lake Lure Boat Operator License. Penalty, see § 6.01 Amended 2-13-07, 6-13-17, 9-26-22
- (D) No person may operate a water vessel with a child under 13 years old aboard unless each child is either:
  - (1) Wearing an appropriate personal flotation device (PFD) approved by the U.S. Coast Guard; or
  - (2) Below decks or in an enclosed cabin (Res. Passed 3-9-04) Penalty, see § 6.01 Amended 7-13-21, 9-26-22
- (E) No person shall engage in motorized water vessel racing on Lake Lure. Penalty, see § 6.01 **Amended 9-26-22**
- (F) No person shall place, throw, deposit, or discharge or cause to be placed, thrown, deposited, or discharged on the waters of Lake Lure, any litter, raw sewage, bottles, cans,

papers, or other liquid or solid materials (to include trash, brush, leaves and scrap building materials) which render the waters unsightly, noxious, or otherwise unwholesome so as to be detrimental to the public health or welfare or to the enjoyment and safety of the water for recreational purposes. (Authority: N.C.G. S. § 75A-10) (Res. Passed 3-9-04) Penalty, see § 6.01 **Amended 6-13-17, 9-26-22** 

#### § 4.06 WATER SPORTS.

- (A) All persons involved in water sports in Lake Lure shall wear proper U.S. Coast Guard approved life vest gear. No more than two persons engaged in water sports may be towed behind one boat (with the exception of water-skiing shows permitted by the Town). Penalty, see § 6.01 **Amended 9-26-22**
- (B) No person shall engage in watersports unless at least one of the following conditions is met: (Authority N.C.G.S. § 75A-13) Penalty, see § 6.01
  - (1) There is in the vessel a person, in addition to the operator, in a position to observe the progress of the person or persons being towed. **Adopted 9-26-22**
  - (2) The vessel is equipped with a rear-view mirror. Adopted 9-26-22
- (C) No person shall engage in water sports in any cove or "No Wake" zone. (Res. Passed 3-9-04) Penalty, see §6.01 **Amended 9-26-22**

#### §4.07 FEES.

- (A) <u>Water vessel permit fees.</u> Various fees shall be assessed for water vessel permits for residents, non-residents, dealers, and commercial establishments (both resident and non-resident) and shall be as established by the Marine Commission pursuant to a schedule adopted annually. A copy of the schedule of current fees shall be kept at all times in the Town office. **Amended 6-13-17**
- (B) <u>Slip fees.</u> Various rental fees shall be assessed for slips at the Town Marina and shall be as established by the Marine Commission pursuant to a schedule adopted annually. A copy of the schedule of current fees shall be kept at all times in the Town office. (Res. Passed 3-9-04) **Amended 6-13-17**

#### §4.08 COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS.

Commercial operations shall be allowed on the waters of Lake Lure subject to the following conditions:

(A) A lake commercial license shall be required annually prior to purchasing commercial boat permits. **Amended 6-13-17** 

- (B) All commercial operators shall successfully complete a Marine Commission approved boating safety class annually.
- (CB) No person or commercial operation shall conduct business on Town owned land without a required concession agreement. Penalty, see § 6.01 **Adopted 9-26-22**
- (DC) All applications for lake commercial licenses shall be accompanied by proof of marine liability insurance written by a company approved by the State of North Carolina and AM Best for all associated motorized boats. Commercial classifications 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 8 must have minimum liability coverage of \$1,000,000.00. Commercial classification 7 shall carry the appropriate type of insurance policy (commercial/non-commercial) suitable for business operation, and have minimum marine liability coverage of \$300,000.00. All commercial operators shall name the Town as co-insured on the required policies. **Amended 4-28-05, 6-12-18**
- (ED) No single business owner or commercial operation may have more than seven permits for motorized boats unless they have a concession agreement with the Town specifically stating a different number. **Amended 9-26-22**
- (FE) No single business owner or commercial operation may have more than ten (10) permits for non-motorized boats, unless they have a concession agreement with the Town specifically stating a different number. **Amended 4-28-05**
- (GF) The only way that a business owner or commercial operation may obtain more permits than what is allowed in any one classification or in total is to enter into a concession agreement with the Town of Lake Lure. A concession agreement is also required if a business owner or commercial operator wishes to do business from any land owned by the Town.

  Amended 4-10-12, 6-13-17
- (HG) Livery operations shall be located within a Zoning District that permits commercial use. **Adopted 10-8-19**
- (H) Commercial operators shall report to law enforcement any violation of State or local regulations as well as any observed accidents.
- (JI) Commercial operators must render assistance to any disabled vessel(s). (Res. Passed 4-12-05) Penalty, see § 6.01 **Amended 9-26-22**
- (KJ) Water sports are expressly prohibited behind boats with a resort, livery, service, tour boat and fishing commercial classification (including boats associated with rental homes). (Res. Passed 4-11-06) **Amended 6-13-17, 6-12-18**
- (LK) Commercial craft shall not be operated when lightning is visible or thunder is audible. Commercial craft operating on the Lake when these conditions occur must return to moorings immediately. (Res. Passed 4-11-06) **Amended 6-13-17**

(ML) Because there are limits in the numbers of commercial boat permits issued, once a boat permit has been issued for a particular commercial classification, that boat shall retain that classification until the permit expires. A boat cannot change classification in the same calendar year that it was permitted. Commercial vessels may only be operated for the purpose approved in the commercial license. Dual permitting of boats is prohibited. (Res. Passed 10-12-10)

Amended 6-12-18

(NM) Boats licensed in commercial classification 5 (tour boats) shall be subject to the following further conditions:

- (1) Voice amplification systems shall not be allowed. **Amended 6-13-17**
- (2) Operations will be carried out at low wake in all parts of the Lake except the center.
- (3) Each boat shall show the name of the commercial operator and have large numerals to facilitate identification for comments. **Amended 4-10-12**
- (4) Tour boats shall not navigate under a bridge or enter a cove other than the Town marina cove except for picking up and dropping off passengers. **Adopted 6-13-17**
- (5) Tour boats shall not navigate in "no wake zones" except when picking up and dropping off passengers. Adopted 6-13-17 Amended 1-14-20
- (6) Boarding and departing passengers will be allowed access only from commercial landings with the exception of special events approved by the Town Manager or Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director. **Adopted 6-13-17 Amended 1-14-20**
- (7) Tour Boats shall not travel in clusters and must be separated at a minimum distance of 100 yards. **Adopted 6-13-17**
- (8) Tour boats require a concession agreement with the Town regardless of the number permitted. **Adopted 6-13-17**
- (ON) Commercial licenses and boat permits issued for Class 8 are for use with vacation rental properties only, and only to the tenants of said property. Class 8 boat rentals to the general public at large are prohibited. **Adopted 1-14-20**
- (PO) No vacation rental watercraft shall be permitted to tow any person(s) at any time. Adopted 10-8-19
- (QP) Vacation rental management companies shall only provide motorized and non-motorized watercraft(s) that are registered and commercially permitted with their business. **Adopted 10-8-19**

#### §4.09 LAUNCHING WATER VESSELS & LAUNCH SITES.

- (A) Launching of motorized water vessels into the Lake shall be allowed only from general and private launch sites. **Amended 6-13-17**
- (B) No new private launch sites for motorized boats may be created on the Lake.
- (C) The Marine Commission may close or restrict use of any or all general launch sites when it is deemed that conditions exist which threaten the safe, recreational usage of the Lake. (Res. Passed 4-12-05) Penalty, see § 6.01 **Amended 6-13-17, 9-26-22**

#### §4.10 LAKE COMMERCIAL LICENSING.

- (A) A lake commercial license is required prior to purchasing commercial boat permits.
- (B) All new lake commercial license applications and all lake commercial license renewal applications must be received by the first day of November. **Amended 6-13-17**
- (C) The Marine Commission will complete its review of all license applications and may issue lake commercial licenses by the first day of January of the following year.

(D) **Lake Commercial License Schedule of Criterion** – In determining both the number of lake commercial licenses that may be available for issuance to each of the eight commercial classifications defined in Section 1.02 and whether to issue a license in response to an application either for a new lake commercial license or to renew an existing lake commercial license, the Marine Commission may consider the following criteria (and such other criteria as the Marine Commission may consider reasonable and appropriate.) **Amended 6-13-17** 

		Co	mmercial Cla	ssifications				
Criterion	Livery (Class 1)	Resorts (Class 2)	Camps (Class 3)	Ski Schools (Class 4)	Tour Boats (Class 5)	Fishing Guides (Class 6)	Services (Class 7)	Vacation Rentals (Class 8)
Lake Impact Limit (Summer)	TBD per Calc*	TBD per Calc*	TBD per Calc*	TBD per Calc*	TBD per Calc*	TBD per Calc*	TBD per Calc*	TBDper Calc*
Lake Impact Limit (Spring/Fall)	TBD per Calc*	TBD per Calc*	TBD per Calc*	TBD per Calc*	TBD per Calc*	TBD per Calc*	TBD per Calc*	TBDper Calc*
Lake Impact Limit (Winter)	TBD per Calc*	TBD per Calc*	TBD per Calc*	TBD per Calc*	TBD per Calc*	TBD per Calc*	TBD per Calc*	TBDper Calc*
Max Permits / Operation	4 per owner or business entity**	3 per owner or business entity**	3 per owner or business entity**	2 per owner or business entity**	2 per owner or business entity**	2 per owner or business entity**	2 per owner or business entity**	1 VRM per owner or business entity** and up to 5 VRN

		Co	mmercial Cla	ssifications					
Criterion	Livery (Class 1)	Resorts (Class 2)	Camps (Class 3)	Ski Schools (Class 4)	Tour Boats (Class 5)	Fishing Guides (Class 6)	Services (Class 7)	Vacation Rentals (Class 8)	
Mooring Restrictions	rentals, service  a) The boat	ce boats). Com	mercial boats in property being	onducted from lake may be moored in used as a residence ting conducted at	any zoning dist	rict under these o	conditions:	R4 (except house	
Residence Requirements	It is the intent of the Marine Commission to limit lake commercial licenses to those business entities, which are principally located in the corporate limits of the Town of Lake Lure. The Marine Commission reserves the right to cancel lake commercial licenses if it is later discovered that the business entity is not principally located in the corporate limits of the Town of Lake Lure. Non-resident fishing guides, contractors and boat repair companies hired by residents of Lake Lure may apply to the Lake Lure Marine Commission for special permits. If approved, non-resident commercial licensees will be allocated boat permits at a fee adjusted to represent the Non-Resident annual fee plus the commercial surcharge as applied to Resident annual permit fee.								
Marine Liability Insurance Requirements	Minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per incident. Town of Lake Lure must be listed as coinsured.	Minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per incident. Town of Lake Lure must be listed as coinsured.	Minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per incident. Town of Lake Lure must be listed as coinsured.	Minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per incident. Town of Lake Lure must be listed as co- insured.	Minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per incident. Town of Lake Lure must be listed as co-insured.	Minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per incident. Town of Lake Lure must be listed as co-insured.	Minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident. Town of Lake Lure must be listed as co-insured.	Minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per incident. Town of Lake Lure must be listed as co- insured.	

**Amended 9-26-22** 

	Commercial Classifications							
Criterion	Livery	Resorts	Camps	Ski Schools	Tour Boats	Fishing	Services	Vacation
	(Class 1)	(Class 2)	(Class 3)	(Class 4)	(Class 5)	Guides	(Class 7)	Rentals
						(Class 6)		(Class 8)
Lodging Restrictions	No lodging amenities allowed for this commercial category	All clientele must be lodged at facilities within the corporate limits of the Town of Lake Lure	All campers must be lodged at facilities within the corporate limits of the Town of Lake Lure	No lodging amenities allowed for this commercial category	No lodging amenities allowed for this commercial category	No lodging amenities allowed for this commercial category	No lodging amenities allowed for this commercial category	House rentals must occur in corporate limits of the Town of Lake Lure
Operator Requirements	All operators must be informed of Lake Use Regulations, provided a Lake Use Regulation pamphlet, and complete a Marine Commission approved boating safety class annually.	All commercial operators shall successfully complete a Marine Commission approved boating affety class annually. Applications for lake commercial license(s) require a list of operator(s). Any changes to operator(s) list must be delivered to the Town within 14 days of the change. Boating safety course certificates are required for all operator(s) listed on application. Certificates must be submitted to the Town prior to operator(s) performing lake associated boat rental contract addendum., and complete a Marine Commission approved boaring safety class annually.						

**Amended 9-26-22** 

		(	Commercial C	Classifications				
Criterion	Livery	Resorts	Camps	Ski Schools	Tour Boats	Fishing	Services	Vacation
	(Class 1)	(Class 2)	(Class 3)	(Class 4)	(Class 5)	Guides	(Class 7)	Rentals
						(Class 6)		(Class 8)
Order of	0 11			, ,				be granted in priority
Priority	order until t	he available co	mmercial capa	acity is fully consu	med for a given cl	lassification. Th	ne order of priority	y will be as follows:
	First: Commercial boats that were approved in the prior year, provided the business remains in good standing with respect to lake operations and adherence to regulations, in order of business establishment date. Resident businesses have priority over non-resident businesses.  Second: Additional boats for businesses approved in the prior year, provided:  (a) the business has not reached the individual maximums for # of boats (by class)  (b) the business remains in good standing with respect to lake operations and adherence to regulations  (c) there is capacity remaining for the desired class of commercial boating activity (additional boats ordered by date of business establishment)  Third: New applicant businesses, provided there is capacity remaining for the desired class of commercial boating activity. Boats for these new businesses will be approved in the following priority order:  (a) businesses based in the Lake Lure town limits, ordered by date established  (b) out-of-area businesses, ordered by date established  Notes:  (1) A business that does not renew a boat for a year loses their priority position if they decide to return to commercial operations in succeeding years. They will be considered a new business.							
	(2) A busir	ness that transfe	ers owners and	l does not miss a	year of commerci	al licensing wi	ll retain their pric	ority position.

#### Amended 04-08-2014, 06-13-2017, 10-8-19, 1-14-20

<sup>\*</sup>In determining lake impact limits, formulas and data utilized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Coast Guard were employed to determine the following impact per business classification.

<sup>\*\*</sup> As provided in Section 4.07, no business owner or commercial operation may have more than seven motorized over 10 hp boat permits across all commercial classifications, unless they have obtained a concession agreement with the Town.

(E) The Marine Commission may suspend or revoke lake commercial licenses at any time for violation of applicable Lake Use Regulations. (Res. Passed 4-12-05) Penalty, see § 6.01 **Amended 9-26-22** 

#### **SECTION 5: LAKE STRUCTURES**

#### § 5.01 ACCESS TO BOATS, BOAT HOUSES, PIERS, BOARDWALKS OR DOCKS.

- (A) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to access any boat or lake structure within the lake boundary or so near thereto as to interfere with the owner's access of the same without permission of the owners thereof.
- (B) By exception, Town personnel or designated representatives may conduct permit inspections, structural safety inspections or install and maintain utility infrastructure under or near lake structures. The Town of Lake Lure will exercise a reasonable due diligence to coordinate these operations with the affected property owners.

(Res. Passed 3-9-04) Penalty, see § 6.01 Amended 6-13-17, Amended 9-26-22

#### § 5.02 INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE

(A) The Town of Lake Lure may direct the relocation or removal of impediments to utility infrastructure such as watercraft or other floating structures. Vacate or relocation orders for personal property including boats berthed or suspended within lake structures may be required to ensure safe access for utility installation and maintenance. The Town shall have authority to remove watercraft or other floating structures when property owners fail to do so and owners who fail to comply with directed orders may be subject to towing and storage fees for relocated property, in addition to any other penalties assessed pursuant to § 5.02(C) below.

#### **Adopted 9-26-22**

- (B) Required structural modifications to lake structures may be required to ensure safe access for utility installation and maintenance. The Town of Lake Lure may take reasonable measures to redesign and relocate pilings and other structures used to support boathouses and other lake structures in order to facilitate the installation and maintenance of utilities, pursuant to Session Law 2022-6, §20.2(a). **Adopted 9-26-22**
- (C) It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to fail or refuse to remove watercraft or other floating structures subject to a vacate or relocation order or to hinder, resist, obstruct, delay or otherwise interfere with the Town's efforts to remove watercraft or other floating structures or the Town's efforts to redesign and relocate support pilings or structures when the same is determined as necessary for the orderly and convenient installation of utilities or maintenance thereof. Violations of this section shall subject the offender to any one, all, or any combination of the penalties set forth in N.C.G.S. §160A-175 and §1-10 of the Lake Lure Code of Ordinances. Violations of this section also constitute a misdemeanor pursuant to N.C.G.S. §14-4, punishable upon conviction by a maximum fine not to exceed \$500.00 for each separate violation or by imprisonment not to exceed 30 days pursuant to the authority of N.C.G.S. §14-3(a) (3). Amended 9-26-22

#### **SECTION 6: ENFORCEMENT; PENALTIES**

#### § 6.01 ENFORCEMENT; PENALTIES.

- (A) All law enforcement officers with territorial jurisdiction as to any part of the waters of Lake Lure or its shoreline area within the limitations of their subject matter jurisdiction, have the authority of peace officers in enforcing the laws and Town of Lake Lure Regulations over all of the waters of Lake Lure and its shoreline area. A certificate of training issued by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission or the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission will suffice for certification for the purposes of the Lake Use Regulations. Amended 6-13-17
- (B) Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of the Lake Use Regulations for which no specific penalty is otherwise provided, shall upon conviction be guilty of a misdemeanor as provided in N.C.G.S. § 14-4; however, violations of § 4.04 and § 4.05 shall be as provided in N.C.G.S. § 75A-18. **Amended 6-13-17, 9-26-22**
- (C) Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provisions of the Lake Use Regulations, upon conviction thereof, may be suspended from further use of Lake Lure, at the discretion of the Marine Commission. **Amended 6-13-17**
- (D) Any person, firm, or corporation attempting to manipulate or defraud the permitting system, upon conviction thereof, may be suspended from further use of Lake Lure, at the discretion of the Marine Commission. **Adopted 10-8-149**
- (E) The Marine Commission may also provide for enforcement of the Lake Use Regulations by other remedies, as authorized in N.C.G.S. § 160A-175, including the imposition of those civil fines defined in the schedule of fines, the ordering of specific equitable relief, including injunctions, or a combination of remedies. In addition, the Marine Commission may seek an appropriate equitable remedy issuing from a court of competent jurisdiction. (Res. Passed 3-9-04) **Amended 4-11-06, 6-13-17**
- (F) A schedule of fees for violations of Class A, Class B, Class C (Non-motorized), Class C (Motorized), and Class D shall be adopted by the Marine Commission annually. Said schedule may be amended by resolution of the Commission as required. (Res. Passed 4-11-06) **Amended 6-13-17**
- (G) All Class D violations, and the conviction thereof, will be in perpetuity and may result in permit revocation at the discretion of the Marine Commission. **Adopted 1-14-20**

Schedule of Civil Fines for Lake Regulation		Fine Number	Regulation Section	Violation Category
1 - General Lake Use				
T General Bane ese	Disposal of any litter, raw sewage, bottles, cans, papers or other liquid or solid materials including trash, brush, leaves or scrap building materials on the waters of Lake Lure	1.1	4.05(F)	D
	Trespassing on boats, boat houses or docks	1.2	5.01 (A)	В
2 - Swimming				
	Swimming under the influence of an impairing substance	2.1	3.01	В
	Swimming greater than 50 feet offshore unaccompanied by a boat	2.2	3.02 (A)	В
	Swimming greater than 25 feet from a boat	2.3	3.02 (B)	В
	Diving, jumping or swimming from any bridge or road	2.4	3.03	С
3 - Boating (Permits)				
(1 CI IIIIC3)	Operation of boat without a valid permit	3.1	4.01 (A)	С
	Failure to display 911 address on boat house	3.2	4.01 (N)	A
	Manipulation of permitting process	3.3	4.01	D

Schedule of Civil Fines for Lake Regulation		Fine Number	Regulation Section	Violation Category
4 - Boating (Operation)				
, ,	Operation of a prohibited water vessel	4.1	4.03	С
	Wake Surfing within 150 feet of the shoreline or other vessel	4.2	4.04 (B)	С
	Operation of boat at a speed greater than "no wake" speed within a no wake zone	4.3	4.04 (D)	C
	Boat tied to a Town public dock for longer than 2.5 hours	4.4	4.04 (C)	A
	Boat tied to a Town buoy or marker	4.5	4.04 (E)	A
	Operation of a non-motorized vessel outside the No Wake Zone	4.6	4.04 (G)	<u>A</u>
	Reckless or negligent operation of a boat (or allowing same)	4. <u>7</u> 6	4.05 ( <u>B</u> A)	С
	(a) resulting in damage to property	4. <u>7</u> 6a		C
	(b) resulting in personal injury	4. <u>7</u> 6b		D
	(c) resulting in death	4. <u>7</u> 6c		D
	Excessive Speed	4. <u>8</u> 7	4.05 ( <u>B</u> A) (1)	C
	Motorized water vessel racing	4. <u>9</u> 8	4.05 (E)	C
	Operation of a motorized water vessel without a Lake Lure Boat Operator License	4. <u>10</u> 9	4.05 ( <u>A</u> €)	C
	Operation of a motorized water vessel with a child under 13 aboard and not wearing a	4.11	4.05 (D)	<u>C</u>

personal flotation device.

Schedule of Civil Fines for Lake Regulation		Fine Number	Regulation Section	Violation Category
5 - Water Sports				
	Engaging in watersports without an approved life vest	5.1	4.06 (A)	С
	Towing more than two persons engaged in watersports	5.2	4.06 (A)	С
	Engaging in watersports without a designated observer or a rear-view mirror	5.3	4.06 (B)	С
	Engaging in water sports in a prohibited cove or "No Wake" Zzone	5.4	4.06 (C)	С
	Engaging in water sports without appropriate boat permit	<u>5.5</u>	4.02, 4.08 (O)	<u>C</u>
6- Commercial Operations Only				
	Use of boat for commercial purposes without a valid lake commercial license and boat permit	6.1	4.08 (A)	D
	Failure to report violation of state or local regulations or observed accidents	6.3	4.01 (I)	A
	Failure to render assistance to disabled vessel	6.4	4.08 (J)	A
	Uncertified operator	6.5	4.08 (B)	С
	Engaging in water sports (towing) without Class 4 Ski School License (or permission of such)	6.6	4.08 (K)	С
	Operation of boat during lightning threat	6.7	4.08 (L)	С
	Permanent mooring of any commercial boats at a lake structure out of compliance with zoning requirements of upland lots	6.8	4.08 (D)	D
	Conducting business on Town owned land without a required concession agreement	6.9	4.08 (C)	D

Schedule of Civil Fines for Lake Regulation		Fine Number	Regulation Section	Violation Category
	Operation of a livery from residential vacation rental	6.10	4.08 (O)	С
	Operation of a livery in a Zoning District that does not permit commercial use	6.11	4.08 (H)	С
	Vacation Rental Management Company providing watercraft(s) for rent that are not registered with their business	6.12	4.08 (Q)	D
	Violation Category			
	A = nuisance, little impact on others			
	B = minor impact on lake operations and safety			
	C = significant impact on lake operations and safety			
	D = major impact on lake operations and safety			

Adopted 6-13-17; Amended 3-13-18, 10-8-19, 1-14-20, 9-26-22

- (H) Any person, firm, or corporation that fails to pay a lake regulations civil fine within thirty (30) days of such fine being imposed may be suspended from further use of Lake Lure, including the forfeiture of boat permits, at the discretion of the Marine Commission. (Res. Passed 4-11-06) **Amended 6-13-17**
- (I) Revenues from lake use regulation civil fines shall belong to the Town of Lake Lure and used solely for funding lake operations. (Res. Passed 4-11-06) **Amended 6-13-17**
- (J) Appeals from the provisions of the Lake Use Regulations shall be made to the Lake Lure Marine Commission. (Res. Passed 4-11-06) **Amended 6-13-17**
- (K) It shall be the responsibility of the owner of any permitted vessel to see that any and all civil fines are paid in the event an operator using said vessel receives a citation. Failure to pay a lake regulations civil fine within 30 days may result in suspension from further use of the Lake, including the forfeiture of boat permits, at the discretion of the Marine Commission. (Res. Passed 10-12-10)

<b>SECTION ONE.</b> This Resolution sha	Il become effective upon adoption.
Adopted this day of	, 2023.
ATTEST:	
Olivia Stewman, Town Clerk	Carol C. Pritchett, Mayor

# IV PUBLIC COMMENT

The public is invited to speak. Please keep comments limited to three minutes or less. Comments may also be submitted in writing to the Town Clerk, ostewman@townoflakelure.com, at least one hour prior to the meeting.

## V CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the June 13, 2023 Regular Marine Commission Meeting Minutes



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2022, 4:00 P.M. AT THE LAKE LURE TOWN HALL

**PRESENT:** Mayor Carol C. Pritchett

Mayor Pro Tem David DiOrio Commissioner Patrick Bryant Commissioner Jim Proctor Commissioner Scott Doster

William Morgan, Jr., Town Attorney

William Hank Perkins, Jr., Town Manager

Dean Givens, Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director

Dana Bradley, Parks, Recreation, and Trails Coordinator

Edneyville Boy Scouts Troop 605

**ABSENT:** N/A

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### II. AGENDA ADOPTION

Commissioner David DiOrio requested to add Item IV to the agenda for "Lake Advisory Board Report."

Commissioner Patrick Bryant made a motion to adopt the agenda, as amended. Commissioner Jim Proctor seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pritchett invited members of the audience to speak.

Mayor Pritchett read a written comment submitted to the Town Clerk from Rose Lening, as follows:

Hi.

I'd like to express my concern at today's meeting.

My concern echo's the March 14th concern of Donald Freeman regarding the 2023 schedule fee for non-residential boaters and fishermen.

Fishermen respect their waterways like no other boaters on the water. These are men that pick up trash from the waterways, respect other boaters by decreasing speed when passing a small vessel, and they know that the excessive wakes that are left by the ballast boats destroy the underwater habitats. They also respect fishing limits and practice catch and release to keep the fish populations healthy.

The non residential fee for boaters is \$650 with a required boat slip fee of \$1,500. This is a total charge of \$2,150.

Now, let's consider that all (non resident and residential) boaters' accessibility for 2023 was cut short from January all the way to the end of March when it was back to "normal limits" (according to the town website "Lake Lure is Back!") Lake lowering will probably reoccur in the fall as it has in the past several years. Assuming this lowering again occurs in October, boaters can responsibly expect to be able to use their pass for 6 months of the year. Meanwhile, the total charge of \$2,150 is really only for 6 months, and not the whole year. Meaning that fishermen are spending \$358 per month to use their bass boats. With 27 miles of shoreline this is a charge of \$79 each mile to fish (not including the fishing license!).

Knowing that the following lakes charge less than \$100 (see below) the fee of \$2,150 for a year is astronomical. Additionally the \$1,500 slip fee doesn't buy security or monitoring against vandalism or theft for the moored boats.

Annual fees for motorized vessels:

Adger: \$0

Lake View Park (Asheville): \$10-100 Moss Lake (Cleveland County): \$80

Lake James: \$0 Lake Norman: \$0 Lake Fontana: \$0

*Lake Glenville:* \$0- \$25 (public access vs marina)

In looking at these numbers it seems that Lake Lure is favoring vacationing boaters over the local consistent patrons. According to Lake Lure's town website the "in season population" is estimated to be around 12,000 individuals. With Lake Lure's actual population of 1,154 individuals (Vintage 2019 population estimates), I would assume that the town would want to invite their locals to the lake, instead of turning them off due to exorbitant prices to get on the water. Year round locals provide continual patronage to the surrounding business.

Please reconsider the charge to non-residents. Perhaps a compromise would be to include "surrounding" counties to the residential fees.

Thank you for your consideration. There were no further comments.

### IV. LAKE ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

Commissioner DiOrio reported that the Lake Advisory Board continues to monitor the Lake Use Regulations update impacts and increased enforcement of the regulations. Commissioner DiOrio added that the assessment has found that the changes have had a significant impact. It was estimated that about 30% of lake users did not have a permit last year and the increased police presence on the lake has resulted in a lesser amount of lake users without permits. Commissioner DiOrio mentioned that having a permit ensures that appropriate steps were taken to learn the rules of the lake and increases safety. Commissioner DiOrio reported that boating licensing has had a positive impact. It was detailed that there is now an informational video on the Town's website that allows for boating license holders to refresh their memories on the Lake Use Regulations. Commissioner DiOrio expressed that safety on the lake had improved and added that speeding had not been an issue since enforcing a limit. It was reported that congestion had also significantly improved. Commissioner DiOrio expressed that the bottom line is that safety had increased and the Lake Advisory Board will continue to assess the Lake Use Regulations. Commissioner DiOrio cited statistics from the Police Department and thanked officers for their work on the lake.

Commissioner DiOrio mentioned that in North Carolina, boat operators must be 16 years of age to operate a vessel alone or 14 years of age when accompanied by an adult. Commissioner DiOrio also mentioned that there is a difference between the North Carolina boating license and the Lake Lure boating license.

Mayor Pritchett thanked the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Department and the Police Department.

#### V. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pritchett presented the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any proposed changes before calling for action.

Commissioner Bryant made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Commissioner DiOrio seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Therefore, the Consent Agenda incorporating the following item was unanimously approved:

A. Approval of the March 14, 2023 Regular Marine Commission Meeting Minutes

### VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

#### VII. HEARING

### A. REQUEST TO APPEAL CIVIL CITATION NO. 000321

Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director Dean Givens reviewed Civil Citation No. 000321 which was issued by Sergeant Carl Umphlett for operating a non-motorized boat without a permit. Director Givens added that the payment for the citation is supposed to be \$225.

Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to deny the request to appeal Civil Citation No. 000321. Commissioner Bryant seconded and all voted in favor.

### VI. HEARING

### B. REQUEST TO APPEAL CIVIL CITATION NO. 000318

Director Givens noted that this citation was also issued by Sgt. Umphlett for operation a motorized vessel without a permit or license. Director Givens expanded that the next case for Citation No. 000319 was related to the same party and added that the vessels were non-motorized, but because trolling motors were operating on each they were considered a motorized vessel in the state of North Carolina. It was noted each violation is \$250.

#### VII. HEARING

### C. REQUEST TO APPEAL CIVIL CITATION NO. 000319

It was reiterated that this citation was was accompanied with the Citation No. 000318 and was for the same offenses for two citations for \$250 each.

Commissioner DiOrio noted that there is a bit of a grey area with Citation No. 000318 and Citation No. 000319 because it could be argued that it may not have been understood by the operators that the vessel was considered motorized because of the use of the trolling motors and added that a license is not required for operation of a non-motorized vessel. Commissioner DiOrio expressed that this may need to be addressed in the Lake Use Regulations. Commissioner DiOrio thanked Police for their due diligence, but expressed that he finds that these citations may be double jeopardy. Commissioner DiOrio recommended reducing both citations to only \$250 each for operating the vessels without a permit. Commissioner Doster noted that North Carolina law does clarify that use of a trolling motor results in a vessel being motorized, but agreed that this should be added to the Lake Use Regulations. Commissioner Doster agreed with Commissioner DiOrio. Commissioner Bryant also agreed. Commissioner DiOrio suggested that the Town Manager and staff work to make this information known and others agreed.

Andy Knowles, Lake Lure resident, expressed that it is good to be clear and communicate with resident what is and is not a motorized vessel. Mayor Pritchett agreed.

Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to reduce Citation No. 000318 and Citation No. 000319 by 50 percent. Commissioner Bryant seconded and all voted in favor.

#### VII. HEARING

### D. REQUEST TO APPEAL CIVIL CITATION NO. 000323

Director Givens reviewed Citation No. 000323 for operation of a boat without a permit. Director Givens added that the requestor visited the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Department to obtain a permit and did not have the necessary paperwork available, but their son proceeded to operate the boat without a permit a few days later. Commissioner DiOrio noted that the Town and Lake Lure Marina had been very diligent in informing people what paperwork is needed to obtain a permit

Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to deny the request to appeal Civil Citation No. 000323. Commissioner Doster seconded and all voted in favor.

#### VII. HEARING

### E. REQUEST TO APPEAL CIVIL CITATION NO. 001226

Director Givens explained that Citation No. 001226 was issued by a reserve police officer for operating a boat without a permit.

Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to deny the request to appeal Civil Citation No. 001226. Commissioner Doster seconded and all voted in favor.

### VII. HEARING

### F. REQUEST TO APPEAL CIVIL CITATION NO. 001251

Mr. Andy Knowles, requestor, explained that he has owned this pontoon boat and his property for 10 years. Mr. Knowles expressed that his concern is that there was a procedural change in registering boats this year and that there was more paperwork required. Mr. Knowles noted that he was told that previously records had been lost and that he had to provide old information to staff. Mr. Knowles noted that he and his son had tried to obtain a permit twice and did not have appropriate paperwork. Mr. Knowles expanded that on May 9<sup>th</sup> he and his son and friend drove the boat to Larkins and back and received a citation in the process. Mr. Knowles requested that all paperwork should not need to be provided each year. Mr. Knowles asked that his citation be reversed.

Commissioner DiOrio explained that the Town is operating with a new permitting system and that once information is in the system, not all paperwork will be required each year. Commissioner DiOrio explained that the Town was also requiring updated paperwork and specifications to ensure that individuals are reporting their vessel information correctly.

Commissioner DiOrio added that there were previously a number of boats that were operating outside of permitted specifications. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Coordinator Dana Bradley explained that following this year, insurance and registration will be required each year but not specifications.

Commissioner DiOrio asked why the boat was being operated without a permit regardless. Mr. Knowles noted that it was his son's first time on the lake this summer and he may not have been aware that there was no permit.

Commissioner Doster made a motion to deny request to appeal Civil Citation No. 001251. Commissioner Bryant seconded and all voted in favor.

### VII. HEARING

### G. REQUEST TO APPEAL CIVIL CITATION NO. 000250

Mr. Greg Turner, 746 Chimney Rock Road in Rutherfordton, noted that he is a lifelong Rutherford County resident who grew up on Lake Lure. Mr. Turner expressed that he is a responsible boater, cleans trash in the lake, and helps people under duress. Mr. Turner added that he appreciates law enforcement. Mr. Turner explained that on April 21st, he purchased a Lake Lure permit for current boat that was on the lake the prior year as well. Mr. Turner expanded that when he was purchasing a buying a permit and asked Ms. Bradley what process should be taken if he purchases a new boat. It was reported that Specialist Bradley answered that Mr. Turner would need to get a permit for the new boat. Mr. Turner explained that he was in the process of purchasing a new boat but wanted to confirm that there were no operational issues before purchasing, so he put the boat in the lake with no permit and it was at that time that he addressed by an officer. Mr. Turner added that the officer advised that he must put a sticker on the boat or he would receive a citation for operation without a permit and Mr. Turner then put his former sticker on the boat to avoid receiving a citation. Mr. Turner noted that following the interaction, he became busy and did not get the permit transferred to the new boat as he had planned. Mr. Turner requested consideration for reduction of fine because it is the class D offense, which carries the highest penalty. Mr. Turner expressed that he believes that this is egregious and noted that he was not trying to manipulate the system.

Commissioner DiOrio noted that the type of boat that Mr. Turner purchased is not permitted on Lake Lure. Mr. Turner noted that North Carolina considers the boat to be a pontoon boat. Commissioner DiOrio noted that this is a deck boat and questioned how North Carolina would consider it to be a pontoon boat. Mr. Turner noted that when he received his registration for the state, it was open and was transferred as it was under the prior owner. Mr. Turner added that the employee from the state had told him that it was a pontoon. Commissioner DiOrio stated that it is not a pontoon and explained why deck boats are not allowed on Lake Lure. Mr. Turner expressed that it is a modified pontoon. Commissioner Doster reviewed specs from the boat manufacturer which titled the boat as a deck boat. Mr. Turner provided Commission with information from a manufacturer and a website that classified it as a pontoon. Commissioner Doster noted that the manufacturer may have changed their marketing because they now classify the boat as a deck boat.

Mr. Paul Brock, Lake Lure resident, noted that Mr. Turner had spoken with him yesterday and expressed that Mr. Turner is a responsible and an upstanding man. Mr. Brock expressed that he thinks that the citation implies that there was malicious intent to manipulate the system and Mr. Turner was trying to make the right steps. Mr. Brock noted that Director Givens had told him that the boat was illegal as he was in the process of getting the correct permit. Mr. Brock agreed with what Mr. Turner stated about the open title and how North Carolina classifies pontoon. Mr. Brock expressed that it was not Mr. Turner's intent to manipulate the permitting system and that he should not receive a Class D citation. Mr. Brock added that he tried to find the definition of a pontoon boat in the Lake Use Regulations and that it was not defined.

Commissioner Doster expressed that no one thinks that Mr. Turner was trying to be malicious, but mistakes were still made and he was aware of this. Commissioner DiOrio expressed that he agrees that he does not believe that it was malicious. Commissioner DiOrio noted that a Class D offence comes with a stipulation of revoking access permanently. Commissioner DiOrio expressed that it was clear that Mr. Turner operated the boat without a valid permit and that the deck shape hull is prohibited, both of which are Class C offenses. Commissioner DiOrio proposed rescinding the Class D offense, replacing it with two Class C offenses, and prohibiting the use of the illegal boat. Mr. Brock expressed concern with the stipulation that Mr. Turner could not operate his new boat on the lake and asked if there is a possibility allowing use of the boat. It was noted that there is no appeal process for appealing the use of prohibited boats. Commissioner DiOrio noted that there had been extensive research on boat designs and the closest to this deck boat are the Lake Lure Tours tour boats which are heavily regulated. Commissioner DiOrio reiterated that the Lake Advisory Board would work towards defining pontoon in the Lake Use Regulations, but deck boats are clearly prohibited. Mr. Brock asked if Commission would consider the fact that Mr. Turner did not know this is a prohibited vessel. Commissioner DiOrio noted that this was after the fact and was classified as open. Commissioner DiOrio also noted that a sticker transfer is also not allowed and, but noted that Mr. Turner also did not seem aware of this. Director Givens noted that the length of the boat is the main issue.

Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to dismiss the Class D offense associated with Citation No. 000250 and replace it with two Class C citations for violation of Lake Use Regulations Section 4.01 (a) and Section 4.03. Commissioner Bryant seconded and all voted in favor.

### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. BOY SCOUTS TROOP 605 ANNUAL REPORT

Scoutmaster Andrew for Edneyville Boy Scouts Troop 605 explained that the Troop has been coming to Lake Lure since 1962 and that the first Scoutmaster, Minor Wilson, gave his Lake Lure home to the Troop. Scoutmaster Andrew explained the services of Troop 605 and presented a video produced by Troop 605 and Mr. Don Henderson. Scoutmaster Andrew expressed that current and former members of Troop 605 had been helping the community for years and will continue to do so. Scoutmaster Andrew also expressed that the purpose of the Boy Scouts is to help the youth gain helpful life skills. Commissioners expressed support for the Scouts. Assistant Scoutmaster Jay Martin presented the 2023 Lake Lure service project and project results.

Scoutmasters for Troop 605 thanked the Marine Commission and Marine Commission members reiterated support for Troop 605.

Commissioner DiOrio noted that the Town has volunteer opportunities relating to trail clean up. Commissioner DiOrio advised that this might be a good opportunity for anyone seeking an eagle services and that those who are interested can speak with Dana Bradley.

Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to continue the tradition of issuing two complimentary motorized and two non-motorized in return for the services completed and presented by Edneyville Boy Scouts Troop 605. Commissioner Bryant seconded and all voted in favor.

### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

### B. LODGE ON LAKE LURE

Director Givens explained that the Lode on Lake Lure had been purchased by new owners who have presented a business plan including a tour boat to be included in the commercial boat model. Director Givens further explained that there is no room in the commercial model for a tour boat, but there is extra room in vacation rentals. Director Givens recommended moving a vacation rental spot in the model to allow a spot for an additional tour boat spot for the Lodge on Lake Lure. Mayor Pritchett asked if this would amendment to the model would permanent and Director Givens answered yes. Commissioner Bryant asked if a concession agreement would be needed and Director Givens answered yes.

Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to approve the Lodge on Lake Lure's request for a tour boat permit and approve adjusting of hours in the vacation rental category to make room for one tour boat. Commissioner Bryant seconded and all voted in favor.

### IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to adjourn the meeting 5:24 p.m. Commissioner Bryant seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

ATTEST:	
Olivia Stewman,	Mayor Carol C. Pritchett
Town Clerk	

### VI UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### VII APPEAL HEARINGS

- A. Request to Appeal Civil Citation No. 000053
- B. Request to Appeal Civil Citation No. 000058
- C. Request to Appeal Civil Citation No. 000153

### LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Meeting Date: September 12, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Request to Appeal Civil Citation No. 000053

### AGENDA INFORMATION:

Agenda Location: Public Hearing

Item Number: A

**Department:** Parks, Recreation, and Lake

Contact: Dana Bradley, Parks, Recreation, and Trails Coordinator

Presenter: Dana Bradley, Parks, Recreation, and Trails Coordinator

### **BRIEF SUMMARY:**

Mr. Andrew Wagner has requested to appeal Civil Citation No. 000053 issued by Sgt. Carl Umphlett on July 8<sup>th</sup> for operation of a boat without a valid permit. (See attached information).

### RECOMMENDED MOTION AND REQUESTED ACTIONS:

To approve or deny the request to appeal Civil Citation No. 000053.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Appeal Request from Andrew Wagner; Letter from LLPD to Mr. Wagner; Copy of Civil Citation No. 000053 and Receipt of Payment; Appeal Hearing Confirmation Letter

### To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing regarding the enclosed permit violation. I received a ticket on July 8, 2023, at 2:50pm at the picnic area of Lake Lure. I received the ticket because my wife and I had been on the lake in our kayak, and we were not aware that we required a permit to be on the lake. My wife and I had been looking forward to spending the afternoon kayaking. After spending some time lost in the area, because of no cell service, we found Lake Lure. We had a wonderful time and upon our return an officer gave us a ticket without asking many questions as to why we did not have a permit.

We were not aware of the requirement for a permit due to the poor phrasing of the sign at the boat launch. The small sign in the water reads, "non-motorized boat launch," and in small letters beneath, it reads, "permit required." Unless further explained it can be assumed that this is a non-motorized boat launch, unless permitted. As a law-abiding citizen, I can assure you that it was not my intention to avoid buying a permit. However, the poor design of the sign allowed me to assume permits were not requires for our small, two-person kayak, much like other lakes. Please consider granting my wife and I forgiveness due to the poor signage in the area.

Enclosed is the \$250.00 fine. As we appeal, we hope you consider our genuine mistake and show us mercy.

Blessings,

Andrew Wagner

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### Lake Lure Police Department

Chief Sean Humphries
Post Office Box 195 Lake Lure, North Carolina 28746
828-625-4685 F. 828-625-8839
townoflakelure.com

July 10, 2023

Andrew Wagner 247 McDowell Dr Wake Forest, NC 27587

You were recently cited by Lake Lure Police Department for an infraction while boating. <u>This violation carries a fine of \$250.00</u>. You must pay your fine within 30 days from the date of your Citation.

Please send payment to:

Town of Lake Lure Attn: Civil Citation Remediation P.O. Box 255 Lake Lure, NC 28746

A copy of your Citation is attached to this letter. Please let me know if you've any questions.

Kat Canant Administrative Assistant Lake Lure Police Department

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Telephone # 919-602-3636
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Issued By: SGT. C. UMPHUET
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Operation of boat without valid permit (4.01)C
☐ Wake Violation (within 75 ft of shoreline or unauthorized areas, during no wake hours, within 100 ft of emergency vessel displaying lights) (4.04)C
☐ Child under 13 w/out PFD (4.06)C
☐ Towing more than two persons at a time (4.06)A
☐ Reckless endangerment (4.05)C
to wit:
☐ Trespassing (5.01)B
$\Box$ Boat tied to public dock more than 2.5 hours (4.04)A
☐ Operation of a motorized water vessel without a Lake Lure Boat Operator License (4.05)C
☐ Engaging in water sports within a designated observer or a rear-view mirror (4.06)B
☐ Parking within lines where provided (TO 30.61)
☐ Prohibited overnight parking (TO 30-57(a))
☐ Leash ordinance (22-11-08B SEC. 4-2)
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**NO.** 000053



August 1, 2023

Andrew Wagner 247 McDowell Dr. Wake Forest, NC 27587

Re: Request to Appeal Civil Citation No. 000053

Dear Mr. Wagner:

The Town of Lake Lure Marine Commission has scheduled a hearing at their next regular meeting on September 12, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., or shortly thereafter, in the council meeting room of the Lake Lure Municipal Center, located at 2948 Memorial Highway, to hear your appeal regarding Civil Citation No. 000053.

You may contact me at 828-625-9983 ext. 104 should you need further information regarding the hearing.

Sincerely,

Olivia Stewman,

Town Clerk

### LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Meeting Date: September 12, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Request to Appeal Civil Citation No. 000058

### AGENDA INFORMATION:

Agenda Location: Public Hearing

Item Number: B

**Department:** Parks, Recreation, and Lake

Contact: Dana Bradley, Parks, Recreation, and Trails Coordinator
Presenter: Dana Bradley, Parks, Recreation, and Trails Coordinator

### **BRIEF SUMMARY:**

Ms. Ann Kiefert has requested to appeal Civil Citation No. 000058 issued by Sgt. Carl Umphlett on July 26<sup>th</sup> for operation of a boat without a valid permit. (See attached information).

### **RECOMMENDED MOTION AND REQUESTED ACTIONS:**

To approve or deny the request to appeal Civil Citation No. 000058.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Appeal Request from Ann Kiefert; Copy of Civil Citation No. 000058; Appeal Hearing Confirmation Letter

#### Olivia Stewman

From: Ann Kiefert <annkiefert@hey.com>
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 9:07 PM

To:Olivia StewmanCc:Jennifer DuncanSubject:citation appeal

Follow Up Flag: Follow up Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Ms. Stewman and Lake Lure Town Council Members,

I am writing to appeal my citation and to provide the Council with feedback about my experience trying to find out how much I needed to pay.

### Appeal Citation, #000058, dated July 26, 2023, for "Operation of boat without valid permit (4.01)C"

- Last Wednesday, my husband and I drove down from Asheville where we were visiting friends to test out our new inflatable stand up paddleboards. We have never used paddleboards before, nor have we been to Lake Lure.
- We launched from the boat launch and stayed close to the launch and the swimming area and never left the immediate area around the launch.
- We did not know that the paddleboard was considered a "boat" nor that a \$25 boat permit was required.
- While I was taking my turn on the board, a police office approached me in a police boat and gave me a citation for not having a permit.
- He pointed out the sign on the shore that neither my husband nor I noticed--and how if I had read it, I would have known about the permit requirement. We simply didn't notice it. And if we had noticed it, I have to admit, I probably wouldn't have read it because I would have thought it was about motor boat safety and didn't apply to us. I had no idea nor any concept at all-- that a permit would be required for the paddleboard--you just don't know what you don't know.
- I am appealing the citation because:
  - It was the first time I have used a paddleboard and didn't know it was considered a "boat", and because it was the first time I have been to Lake Lure and didn't know that boats require a permit.
  - The \$225 penalty is excessive. the permit would have only cost \$25 (which I would have gladly paid if I had known one was required). In addition, the paddle board itself only cost \$250. (Now, if I was in a \$40,000 motor boat, maybe a \$225 penalty would seem more fair. But I was not and it is not.)
- If you chose to keep the money, I will have learned my lesson. There is no doubt. But I also learned that Lake Lure police would rather fine a first-time visitor than help them understand what is required to safely enjoy the lake. (If he had given me a handout with information about the permit, and a link to obtain one online, I would have paid for one on the spot. But he didn't.)

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- My husband and I had planned to stay in town for dinner and explore the area more, but after our brief and negative experience on the lake, we left and ate at a restaurant in Asheville instead.
- If you chose to keep the money, I recommend using it to purchase new citation booklets with updated text that includes the amount due for each violation type, the correct process for appeals, and the correct address for sending payment. See details below.

### Feedback: "How much do I have to pay?"

- When I got home, I wanted to pay the citation, but the amount is not written on the ticket. So I
  had to first find out how much I had to pay before I could even send the check. It took more
  than an hour (during my work day) and five phone calls to find out the amount. Here's how it
  went...
- (Google search) I thought I could just google it and would quickly find the info on line. I googled all combinations of keywords and phrases including Lake Lure Police, boat license permit, (401)C, and read state and county rules and statues— but I was wrong. After spending about 20 minutes, I never found any mention of how much to pay. (I did, however, find this page, entered my citation number, but no match was found. Another deadend.) It was very frustrating.
- (Phone call #1) So, I called the Lake Lure PD. The operator did not know how much the citation was and told me to call the "Clerks" office at 625-9983.
- (Phone call #2) I called the Clerk's office and left a voicemail. Still, have never received a called back.
- (Phone call #3) Since no one called back, I thought it would be the Rutherfordton City Clerk's office and called them 288-6100. They looked up my citation number, found no record of it and told me to call the Lake Lure PD. (again.)
- (Phone call #4) I call the Lake Lure PD again. I was told that I have to come, in=person, to the Lake Lure Town Hall or call them for information. And sometimes, they will void the citation if I appear in person in front of Town Council. I told him that is not possible since I don't live in the area. Then, he suggested I call one of two police officers directly to find out how much I should pay. Surprised by that, but had no choice but to try to call them next, I asked for their names and phone numbers. I was put on hold (I guessed he was going to get their phone numbers). After a while on hold, he came back on the line and told me call Town Hall and the abruptly hung up.
- (Phone call #5). Lake Lure Town Hall (again). 625-9983. Jennifer answered. The first person I spoke with that knew what was going on and who actually helped me. She asked around, and confirmed that the amount I owed was \$225. She told me that I could email Olivia Stewman (which I'm doing now) to appeal the ticket and that I didn't have to appear in person. Contrary to what the PD said. We also discovered that my citation had incorrect information about how to make an appeal and that the address to send payment for the citation was also wrong. Both of which was shocking to me. What if I had mailed it to the wrong address??
- Recommendations. This whole negative experience could have been avoided. How often does it happen to others? How much revenue is lost when visitors leave town after a bad experience?
  - o Add information on your website about how to pay a citation. It will appear in keyword searches and be an immense help to visitors and residents.
  - On the printed citations, update the text to include:
    - the amounts due
    - the correct address of where to pay the citation: PO Box 255

- the correct contact and process for making an appeal: the Parks, Rec and Lake Dept and to email the clerk.
- a phone number to call with questions about their citation (and make sure the folks answering the phone can actually help)

Please extend my deepest appreciation to Jennifer for taking the time to help me. She was kind, professional, and knowledgeable. Without her, I'm unsure if I would have ever found the answer to my seemingly simple question of "how much I do have to pay".

Sincerely,

Ann Kiefert 645 Rocky Creek Road Boone, NC 28607 828-719-8922

Lake Lure Police Department Civil Citation
Permit # NONE St. Reg No 7 REDUCED
Issued to: NAN TERESE KEEFERT
Address: 645 Rocky CRIEK RD
BOONE, NC 28607
Telephone # 828 - 719 - 8922
Location: MARJWA 344
Date / Time: 1826 / 7-26-23
Issued By: 5ct. C. OMPHICATT
□ Warning ☑ Citation
Operation of boat without valid permit (4.01)C
☐ Wake Violation (within 75 ft of shoreline or unauthorized areas, during no wake hours, within 100 ft of emergency vessel displaying lights) (4.04)C
☐ Child under 13 w/out PFD (4.06)C
☐ Towing more than two persons at a time (4.06)A
☐ Reckless endangerment (4.05)C
to wit:
☐ Trespassing (5.01)B
☐ Boat tied to public dock more than 2.5 hours (4.04)A
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☐ Engaging in water sports within a designated observer or a rear-view mirror (4.06)B
☐ Parking within lines where provided (TO 30.61)
☐ Prohibited overnight parking (TO 30-57(a))
☐ Leash ordinance (22-11-08B SEC. 4-2)
□ Other
PODDLERONDO, NO PERMIT, NO
PFD (VBREAL MODNENO)

NO. 000058



August 1, 2023

Ann Kiefert 645 Rocky Creek Road Boone, NC 28607

Re: Request to Appeal Civil Citation No. 000058

Dear Mrs. Kiefert:

The Town of Lake Lure Marine Commission has scheduled a hearing at their next regular meeting on September 12, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., or shortly thereafter, in the council meeting room of the Lake Lure Municipal Center, located at 2948 Memorial Highway, to hear your appeal regarding Civil Citation No. 000058.

You may contact me at 828-625-9983 ext. 104 should you need further information regarding the hearing.

Sincerely,

Olivia Stewman, Town Clerk

Copy: Lake Lure Marine Commission Members

Hank Perkins, Town Manager

Dean Givens, Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director

Dana Bradley, Parks, Recreation, and Trails Coordinator

Jennifer Duncan, Human Resources/Customer Service Specialist

### LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Meeting Date: September 12, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Request to Appeal Civil Citation No. 000153

### AGENDA INFORMATION:

Agenda Location: Public Hearing

Item Number: C

**Department:** Parks, Recreation, and Lake

Contact: Dana Bradley, Parks, Recreation, and Trails Coordinator

Presenter: Dana Bradley, Parks, Recreation, and Trails Coordinator

### **BRIEF SUMMARY:**

Mr. Tanner Reo has requested to appeal Civil Citation No. 000153 issued by Officer Tyler Dills on August 16<sup>th</sup> for diving, jumping, or swimming from a bridge or road. (See attached information)

### RECOMMENDED MOTION AND REQUESTED ACTIONS:

To approve or deny the request to appeal Civil Citation No. 000153.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Appeal Request from Tanner Reo; Letter from LLPD to Mr. Reo; Copy of Civil Citation No. 000153; Appeal Hearing Confirmation Letter

#### Olivia Stewman

From: Tanner Reo <tanner.reo7@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2023 3:26 PM

**To:** Olivia Stewman **Subject:** Citation Appeal

Hi Ms. Stewman, this is Tanner Reo. I talked briefly with you at town hall on Friday the 18th about my civil citation I received for "Diving, jumping or swimming from any bridge or road". I would like to make an appeal of this citation for multiple reasons. The first and most important reason to appeal is that I was cited for the act of "jumping, diving or swimming from any bridge or road" and this simply never happened. At the time that the police officer showed up to issue a citation I was standing on the Tryon Bay bridge. I had not jumped, dove or swam from that bridge or any others despite being cited for it. The officer saw that I was wet since I had been swimming at the house I was staying in just down the road on Tryon Bay Circle and seemed to assume that I had already jumped from the bridge, although I told him that I hadn't and that remains true. Another reason I think this ticket is unfair is that I was accompanied by 7 other people on that bridge at the time. Despite being very kind, cooperative and before being spoken to, quiet, the officer singled me out of the group and threatened to arrest me on the spot. He then guickly changed to writing me a civil citation (which he said would be around \$25-\$50) instead of arresting me and said that this was him being very nice. I was never told why I may have been arrested and felt scared to inquire about this or any other issues I had with the situation due to the hostility he showed me throughout the interaction. The price of the ticket was told to me upon me asking and the officer estimated \$25-\$50 then said he could confirm the specific amount which I said wouldn't be necessary as long as I had a good idea for the sake of making his life easier, not wasting time, and assuming I would be told the exact amount as he gave me my citation. I felt that the arrest threat to only me and none of my other friends was a way to intimidate me despite my very willing cooperation. My final reason I don't believe this citation is necessary is because of my willingness to cooperate and my lack of previous offenses. This was the first time in my life that I have been to the town of Lake Lure and have no previous offenses here. Not only am I offense free in the town of Lake Lure, but I have never been cited or even been issued a warning for an offense of any level in any other place. In addition to this, I was very cooperative with the officer throughout our interaction despite him seeming to have an issue with me. I did everything the officer requested willingly, and in a timely manner while telling nothing but the truth and giving all information that I could. Not only was I compliant, but the rest of my group of 8 was also very kind and compliant giving the officer no reason not to believe anything we said or be hostile to any of us. Despite all this, I was the only one of 8 people given a citation (which was 4.5x more expensive than the high side of the officers estimation) for an act that I did not do, regardless of my previously spotless record.

Thank you for your time, Tanner Reo



### Lake Lure Police Department

Chief Sean Humphries
Post Office Box 195 Lake Lure, North Carolina 28746
828-625-4685 F. 828-625-8839
townoflakelure.com

August 17, 2023

Tanner Reo 701 Clarion Dr Durham, NC 27705

Citation Fee: Class C \$225.00

You were recently cited by Lake Lure Police Department for an infraction(s) while boating <u>or</u> on town property.

You were cited for the following:

**Jumping from any Bridge** This is a Class C citation wherein your fine is **\$225.00** due within 30 days of the date of your citation.

Please send payment to:

Town of Lake Lure Attn: Civil Citation Remediation P.O. Box 255 Lake Lure, NC 28746

A copy of your Citation is attached to this letter. Please call me if you've any questions regarding your Citation or fine(s) at 828-625-4911.

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Administrative Assistant Lake Lure Police Department

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Lake Luie Police Department Civil Citation
Permit # St. Reg
Issued to: TANNER REO
.ddress: 701 CLARION DR
Durthan NC 27708
Telephone # 99 - 724 - 0353
Location: TRYON BAY BRIDGE
Date / Time: 8/16/23@> 2231 H175
Issued By: T. DIUS
☐ Warning Citation
☐ Operation of boat without valid permit (4.01)C
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Other
DIVING, JUNGTING OR SNIVENING
FROM ANY BRIDGE OR ROAD
(TOWN OF BONGE 85.99)

**NO.** 000153



September 6, 2023

Tanner Reo 701 Clarion Dr. Durham, NC 27705

Re: Request to Appeal Civil Citation No. 000153

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# VIII NEW BUSINESS

## IX ADJOURNMENT