



CITY OF MILES CITY

Public Service Committee Meeting Agenda

July 31, 2025 at 5:30 PM

City Council Chambers and online at zoom.us

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CALL TO ORDER

1. REQUEST OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A.** REVIEW AND RECOMMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1397 - AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTION 17-79 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY, MONTANA, SO AS REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE USE OF MOTORBOATS IN CITY OWNED LAKES.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** DISCUSS AND RECOMMEND SIGNAGE ALONG BRIDGE AND 5TH STREET

4. ADJOURNMENT

Public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of this meeting can be presented under Request of Citizens, provided it is within the jurisdiction of the City to address. Public comment will be entered into the minutes of this meeting. The Committee cannot take any action on a matter unless notice of the matter has been made on an agenda and an opportunity for public comment has been allowed on the matter. Public matter does not include contested cases and other adjudicative proceedings

ORDINANCE NO. 1397

AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTION 17-79 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY, MONTANA, SO AS REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE USE OF MOTORBOATS IN CITY OWNED LAKES.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Miles City, Montana, as follows:

Section 1. Section 16-48 shall be amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 17-79. - Motorboats prohibited on Cook Lake, and Spotted Eagle Recreation Area.

(a) *Prohibition.* It shall be unlawful to operate a motorboat or personal watercraft within and upon the confines of Cook Lake or Spotted Eagle Lake except as provided in subsection (c), below.

(b) *Definitions.*

Motorboat means any vessel propelled by any machinery, motor, or engine of any description, whether or not such machinery, motor, or engine is the principal source of propulsion. The term includes boats temporarily equipped with detachable machinery, motors, or engines, but does not include personal watercraft.

Personal watercraft means a vessel that uses an outboard motor or inboard engine powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and that is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than by the conventional method of sitting or standing in the vessel.

(c) *Exceptions.* It shall be lawful to operate a motorboat or personal watercraft within and upon the confines of Cook Lake from July 1st through August 15th of any year, and on the existing boat ramps at Spotted Eagle Recreation Area to allow for testing only, and all craft must remain on a trailer at all times during such testing, from April 5 through April 13 of any year, under the following conditions:

(1) *Motorboats.* No more than one motorboat shall be in operation within and upon the confines of Cook Lake at any one time, and are prohibited at all times upon the confines of Spotted Eagle.

(2) *Personal watercraft.* No more than four personal watercrafts shall be in operation within and upon the confines of Cook Lake at any one time, and are prohibited at all times upon the confines of Spotted Eagle.

(3) *Exclusivity.* No motorboat or personal watercraft shall be in operation at the same time within the confines of Cook Lake, and are prohibited at all times upon the confines of Spotted Eagle.

(d) *Penalty for violation.*

(1) Any person violating any provision of this section is guilty of a municipal infraction and shall have imposed a civil penalty of not more than \$300.00 for a first infraction. For each repeat infraction of the same section, a civil penalty not to exceed \$500.00 shall be imposed. A person violating the provisions of this Code is guilty of a separate offense for each and every day during any portion of which any violation of this Code is committed, continued, or permitted to be committed; and/or

(2) *Suspension of privileges.* Any person violating this section may have his or her privileges for operating a motorboat or personal watercraft within or upon the confines of Cook Lake and Spotted Eagle suspended for a period of up to one year.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its final passage.

Said Ordinance read and put on its passage this 22nd day of July, 2025.

Dwayne Andrews, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Rowe, City Clerk

FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Dwayne Andrews, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Rowe, City Clerk