



PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING-SPECIAL AGENDA

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024 AT 6:45 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 106 JONES STREET, WATERTOWN, WI

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. RECIEVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Each individual who would like to address the Committee will be permitted up to three minutes for their comments

3. BUSINESS

A. Review and take possible action: ordinance to prohibit boating near the Main Street (Cole Memorial) Bridge during construction

4. ADJOURN

Persons requiring other reasonable accommodations for any of the above meetings, may contact the office of the City Clerk at mdunneisen@watertownwi.gov, phone 920-262-4006

A quorum of any City of Watertown Council, Committee, Board, Commission, or other body, may be present at this meeting for observing and gathering of information only

**DRAFT ORDINANCE TO
TO REGULATE BOATING UPON THE ROCK RIVER AND
PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF OF THE
CITY OF WATERTOWN GENERAL ORDINANCES**

**SPONSOR: ALDERPERSON DANA DAVIS
FROM: PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin is removing and replacing the Main Street (Cole) Bridge in Watertown, WI in 2024; and,

WHEREAS, an ordinance placing navigational waterway markers/aids in the Rock River is required by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR); and,

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Intent: The intent of this ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interests and the capability of the water resources.

SECTION 2. Creation of Section 247-5(D): Section 247-5 (D) is hereby created to read as follows:

247-5 (D) Prohibited Acts Boating Prohibition Area: No person shall operate a boat - motorboat and/or nonmotorized boat - as defined in s. 30.50(6), Wis. Stats., and/or s. 30.50(7), Wis. Stats., on the Rock River between the upstream and downstream navigational waterway markers of the Main Street (Cole) bridge. Said navigational waterway markers located at GPS coordinates 43.195657, -88.724676 upstream and GPS coordinates 43.193239, -88.725351 downstream of the Main Street (Cole) bridge.

SECTION 3. Effective Date: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force the day after its passage and publication.

<i>DATE:</i>	<i>May 21, 2024</i>		<i>May 21, 2024</i>	
<i>READING:</i>	<i>1ST</i>		<i>2ND</i>	
	<i>YES</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>YES</i>	<i>NO</i>
DAVIS				
LAMPE				
BOARD				
BARTZ				

ADOPTED May 21, 2024

CITY CLERK

APPROVED May 21, 2024

BLANKE				
SMITH				
SCHMID				
WETZEL				
MOLDENHAUER				
MAYOR MCFARLAND				
TOTAL				

MAYOR

MEMO

TO: Chairperson Davis and Committee Members
FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.
DATE: May 14, 2024
RE: Review and take possible action: Approve Ordinance to Regulate Boating Upon the Rock River

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Background: At the Main Street (Cole) Bridge preconstruction meeting held on April 24th, it was pointed out by the WDNR that boating needed to be excluded both upstream and downstream of the bridge during demolition and construction. WDNR stated that it would fall on the City to prepare and submit a Waterway Marker application and permit. It turns out that the category of permit the City needs requires an ordinance to be passed prior to the placement of the navigational aids. Being this was the first time City staff was aware of this requirement, we have been working with the WDNR to get temporary buoys in until such time as we could prepare and bring forward to Public, Safety & Welfare Committee and Common Council an ordinance to exclude boating upstream and downstream of the bridge during demolition and construction. A draft ordinance and site map showing the locations of the proposed “boat excluded” navigational aids will be placed. Demolition of the bridge deck began on May 14th, so time is of essence to get the aids placed.

If the Committee approves moving forward the draft ordinance to Common Council, the ordinance is on tonight’s Common Council agenda. If the Committee does not approve moving forward the ordinance, the agenda item will need to be tabled at Council.

Enclosed:

- Draft Ordinance
- Site Map



Parcels

City Limits

LOCATION OF BOAT EX. BUOYS w/ GPS COORDINATES

