

Resolution 2022-19
No Wake Operation in Emergency Vessel Proximity/Parks and Waterways
Department

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §67-7031(3) vests the Board of County Commissioners with the power and authority to adopt local ordinances regarding the operation of vessels on any waters within its territorial limits, provided the ordinances are intended to promote or protect the health, safety, and general welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the *Kootenai County Park and Waterways Ordinance* provides for vessel operation at speed limits as specified at section 6.2.104 thereof; and

WHEREAS, the *Kootenai County Parks and Waterways Ordinance* provides for the codification of resolutions adopted by the Board of Commissioners as an appendix to the ordinance, Kootenai County Code, Section 6.2.121; and

WHEREAS, the Kootenai County Sheriff has recommended amending the Kootenai County Code, Section 6.2.104, to require vessel operators approaching emergency and/or law enforcement vessels displaying flashing lights on Kootenai County Waterways slow to no wake speed in a manner that is reasonable and prudent, at a distance of two-hundred feet (200') or more from the emergency or law enforcement vessel when practicable, until completely past the emergency and/or law enforcement vessel; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners concurs with the recommendation of the Kootenai County Sheriff.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the approach of emergency and/or law enforcement vehicles displaying flashing lights shall be at no wake speed as follows:

6.2.104: Vessel Operation:

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- E. Approaching Emergency Vessels: All vessels approaching emergency vessels displaying flashing lights and/or law enforcement vessels displaying flashing lights shall reasonably and prudently operate at no wake speed, at a distance of not less than two hundred feet (200') from the emergency and/or law enforcement vessel when practicable, until completely past the emergency and/or law enforcement vessel.

Upon a motion to adopt the text of the foregoing Resolution made by Commissioner Brooks, seconded by Commissioner Duncan, the following vote was recorded:



Commissioner Brooks: Aye
Commissioner Duncan: Aye
Chairman Fillios: Aye

Upon said roll call, the text of the foregoing was duly enacted as a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Kootenai County, Idaho on the 15th day of March, 2022.

Dated this 15th day of Marcy, 2022.

KOOTENAI COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:
JIM BRANNON, CLERK



Chris Fillios, Chairman - Signed 3/15/2022



Teri Johnston, Deputy Clerk - Signed 3/16/2022



Leslie Duncan, Pro tem - Signed 3/15/2022



Bill Brooks, Commissioner - Signed 3/16/2022