

ORDINANCE #2023-12
AN ORDINANCE RENUMBERING SECTION 281-16 CONCERNING PENALTIES
AND CREATING SECTION 281-16 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF
WILLIAMS BAY CONCERNING REMOVAL OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

WHEREAS, the Building, Zoning and Ordinance Committee having determined that prohibiting the introduction of aquatic invasive species into the waters of Geneva Lake is essential for preserving the existing biodiversity of the lake, and that this goal can best be achieved by the adoption of an ordinance to that effect by all municipalities bordering Geneva Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Building, Zoning and Ordinance Committee having recommended the renumbering of Section 281-16 of the Code of Ordinances addressing penalties for the violation of the provisions of Chapter 281, and the adoption of Section 281-16 Code of Ordinances concerning the removal of aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Williams Bay having determined that it is appropriate to adopt the recommendation of the Building, Zoning and Ordinance committee to renumber Section 281-16 of the Code of Ordinances and adopt Section 281-16 of the Code of Ordinances concerning removal of aquatic invasive species for the reasons stated by the committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of the Village of Williams Bay hereby ordain as follows:

Section I. § 281-16 Violations and penalties of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Williams Bay, is hereby renumbered § 281-17 Violations and penalties of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Williams Bay.

Section II. Section 281-16 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Williams Bay is hereby created to read as follows:

§ 281-16 Transportation/Removal of aquatic invasive species.

A. Prohibition against the transport of aquatic invasive species. No person shall operate a vehicle or transport any boat or any other watercraft to or from a public highway if aquatic invasive species are attached to said vehicle, boat or personal watercraft. All aquatic invasive species shall be removed from a vehicle, boat or personal watercraft prior to placing such equipment into navigable waters.

B. All persons shall decontaminate their vehicle, boat or personal watercraft at a portable boat cleaning station located near the public boat launch in the Village of Williams Bay, if said boat cleaning station is available for use.

C. As used in this Section 281-16, the term "aquatic invasive species" shall have the definition set forth in Wisconsin Administrative Code Section NR40.024 (m), and any future amendments thereto.

Section II. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Approved by the Village Board of the Village of Williams Bay this 18th day of March, 2024.

VILLAGE OF WILLIAMS BAY

By: _____
William Duncan, President

Attest: _____
Tina Kolls, Clerk

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Second Reading: 3/18/2024
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