



ORDINANCE 94 - 24

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NO WAKE ZONE IN CHRISTOPHER CREEK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, there is considerable damage being done to boats and dock facilities; and

WHEREAS, said damage is being caused by boating traffic operating at high rates of speed; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received testimony from the public as to the need for a No Wake Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that there is a safety problem for boats using the designated area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have found it necessary to establish a "No Wake Zone" in Christopher Creek.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED this 25th day of April, 1994, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be know as the Christopher Creek No Wake Zone Ordinance.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY

This Ordinance, together with any and all future amendments tendered, is adopted under the provisions and terms granted by Chapters 125 and 371, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE 3. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this ordinance to protect the public safety.

ARTICLE 4. NO WAKE ZONE

There is hereby established a No Wake Zone for Christopher Creek.

ARTICLE 5. DEFINITION

1. No Wake Zone indicates a restricted or controlled zone to which a vessel cannot proceed at a speed greater than the speed which is necessary to maintain steerage.

2. A motor boat in the designated no wake zone that is:

a. Operating on a plane is proceeding at a speed that is greater than is necessary to maintain steerage.

b. In the process of coming off a plane and settling into the water, which creates more than no wake, is proceeding at a speed greater than that necessary to maintain steerage.

c. Completely off plane and which has settled into the water and is proceeding without wake is proceeding at a speed necessary to maintain steerage.

ARTICLE 6. BOAT OPERATION

It shall be unlawful for a person to operate a boat in the designated No Wake Zone area in a manner that creates a wake or at a speed greater than that necessary to maintain steerage.

ARTICLE 7. SIGNS

The County Engineer shall insure that proper signs are placed within the boundaries of the "No Wake Zone". The absence of signs shall not render the No Wake Zone invalid.

ARTICLE 8. PENALTIES


Any person or persons who shall violate any provision of this

Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment in the Nassau County Detention Facility not to exceed sixty (60) days or both.


ARTICLE 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its being filed in the Office of the Secretary of State.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
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JOHN A. CRAWFORD  
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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T. J. GREESON  
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the  
Nassau County attorney

  
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MICHAEL S. MULLIN

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