

**ORDINANCE 2009- 11**

AN ORDINANCE OF NASSAU COUNTY, ESTABLISHING A "NO WAKE ZONE" ON A PORTION OF THE WATERWAY WITHIN NASSAU COUNTY LYING EAST OF THE INTERCOASTAL WATERWAY AND LYING NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE NORTH END BOAT RAMP; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, Nassau County has constructed a boat ramp on the northern end of Amelia Island, Florida, which boat ramp was opened to the public in November 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004, Nassau County retained Taylor Engineering to review concerns raised by local boaters regarding incidents including groundings, vessel impacts with submerged rock, and possible boat wake amplification due to the shape of the sheet pile boat basin; and

**WHEREAS**, the findings of Taylor Engineering support the need for a "No Wake Zone" in the area to alleviate boat wake effects in order to better protect the lives and property of those utilizing the North End Boat Ramp and the areas immediately surrounding it; and

**WHEREAS**, the County enacted Ordinance 2003-53 on October 8, 2003, which established a "No Wake Zone" within 300 feet north of the north wing wall and 300 feet south of the south wing wall of the boat ramp, but this ordinance apparently has been deemed unenforceable by various authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has passed Ordinance 2009-10, which repeals Ordinance 2003-53; and

**WHEREAS,** County staff has held several meetings and done extensive research over the past several months and has determined that an Idle Speed- No Wake Boating Restricted Area is still necessary to better protect the lives and property of those utilizing the North End Boat Ramp and the areas immediately surrounding it, and that an Idle Speed- No Wake Boating Restricted Area with clearly defined boundaries that do not encroach on the Intracoastal Waterway would be enforceable.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

**1. Title.** This ordinance shall be known as the "North End Boat Ramp No Wake Zone Ordinance".

**2. Signage.** Signs that indicate an Idle Speed- No Wake Boating Restricted Area shall be placed within the ramp area and posted at the limits of the zone.

**3. Enforcement.** The enforcement of the Idle Speed- No Wake Boating Restricted Area shall be accomplished by all State and local law enforcement agencies.

**4. No Wake Zone.** The area designated for the Idle Speed- No Wake Boating Restricted Area shall be: Five Hundred (500) feet to the north of the north wing wall of the boat ramp and Five Hundred (500) feet to the south of the south wing wall of the boat ramp; and shall extend west from the shore of Amelia Island to the right of way of the Intracoastal Waterway.

This area is more specifically described and depicted on Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

**5.** The Director of Parks and Recreation shall insure that proper signs are placed within the boundaries of the Idle Speed- No Wake Boating Restricted Area. The absence of signs shall not render the Idle Speed- No Wake Boating Restricted Area invalid or unenforceable.

**6. Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions or this Ordinance.

**7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the Department of State.

**DONE AND ENACTED THIS** 27th **DAY OF**

April, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
BARRY V. HOLLOWAY  
Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S  
SIGNATURE:

  
JOHN A. CRAWFORD  
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the  
Nassau County Attorney

  
DAVID A. HALLMAN

Proposed No Wake Zone  
Ordinance for North End Boatramp

Proposed No Zone Wake Sign  
40' East from Top of Channel Cut  
Latitude = 30.697197  
Longitude = -81.461808



Proposed No Zone Wake Sign  
40' East from Top of Channel Cut  
Latitude = 30.694132  
Longitude = -81.4607681

**Legend**

★ NO Wake Zone Signs

--- Channel (Top of Cut)

Proposed No Wake Zone



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North End Boat  
Ramp map  
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