

Village of De Soto
Ordinance No.31

De Soto Boat Landing

The Village board of the Village of De Soto, Crawford and Vernon Counties, Wisconsin do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. STATE STATUTE BOATING LAWS ADOPTED

The statutory provision describing and defining regulations with respect to boating in the following enumerated sections of the Wisconsin Statutes, WI Statutes Section 30.50 through Section 30.77, exclusive of any provisions therein relating to the penalties to be imposed or the punishment for violations of said Statutes, are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein. Any act required to be performed or prohibited by any Statute incorporated herein by reference is required or prohibited by this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

Navigational aids may be placed in the waterway leading to the De Soto Boat Landing. Such aids will be approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) prior to placement.

The aids will be placed approximately 100 and 240 feet east of the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks, one on each side of the dredged waterway.

SECTION 3 SLOW NO WAKE ZONE

The following areas are designated a slow no wake zone on the Mississippi River and Tributaries in the Village of De Soto, Crawford County:

1. De Soto Village Boat Landing and Navigation Channel to the Mississippi River – Crawford County
2. Water area within 150' adjacent to Handicap Fishing Pier at Village Park Fishing Pond (AKA Third Pond) – Crawford County

The intent of this ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights, interest and the capability of the water resource.

SECTION 4 REGULATION OF VILLAGE OF DE SOTO BOAT LANDING

A public boat landing is hereby recognized at 10153 State Highway 35, De Soto WI 54624 to the Mississippi River located in the Village of De Soto. Rules and Regulations and Restrictions as to dates and hours of operation shall be established by further action of the Board.

No person may launch any watercraft at the boat launch without first having done one of the following:

1. Fill out and deposit a one-day launch permit provided at the boat launch. The price of a one-day launch permit is five dollars (\$5). The permit must be displayed in plain sight through the windshield of the vehicle. The payment envelope must be deposited in the launch box.

2. Purchase and display in plain sight through the windshield of the vehicle a color-coded yearly pass from the Village Clerk/Treasurer or Bright Spot. The price of the yearly pass shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25)

The yearly pass shall be effective for a period beginning on the first of January and ending one year later on the last day of December.

Penalties: All Village of De Soto Employees and Village Trustees are authorized to issue citations for all violations of Ordinance #31. Any person violating Section 4 of this ordinance or any rules or regulations propagated by the De Soto Village Board shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than ten dollars (\$10) for the first offense nor more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for each subsequent offense.

These regulations will not take effect until the 2013-2014 boat landing renovations are completed.

SECTION 5 UNUSED

SECTION 6 UNUSED

SECTION 7 PENALTIES

Any person violating any provision of this Chapter, except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, including those provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes, Wisconsin Administrative Code or other materials which are incorporated herein by reference, shall upon conviction thereof forfeit not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00 and the costs of prosecution, and in default of payment of such forfeiture and the costs of prosecution shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until payment of such forfeiture and the costs of prosecution, but not exceeding ninety (90) days for each violation, provided, however, that in no case shall the forfeiture imposed for a violation of any provision of this Section exceed the maximum fine for the same offense under the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

Amended and Approved 09/07/98, 03/02/05, 02/03/07, 08/04/11 and 12/04/12.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF December, 2012

Village President 

David Robertson

ATTEST:


Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk

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