



**CITY OF BELLE SLE, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

Meeting Date: July 16, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: B. Francis, City Manager

Subject: Proposed Ordinance on Slow Speed/Minimum Wake for Lake Conway

Background: over the past few years, traffic on the Conway Chain of Lakes has significantly increased, especially personal water craft. The ordinances that the City and County have in place cannot be enforced because FWC has not recognized the ordinances.

From FS 327.46(1)(c)3.b: *“Any of the ordinances adopted pursuant to this paragraph shall not take effect until the commission has reviewed the ordinance and determined by substantial competent evidence that the ordinance is necessary to protect public safety pursuant to this paragraph. Any application for approval of an ordinance shall be reviewed and acted upon within 90 days after receipt of a completed application. Within 30 days after a municipality or county submits an application for approval to the commission, the commission shall advise the municipality or county as to what information, if any, is needed to deem the application complete. An application shall be considered complete upon receipt of all requested information and correction of any error or omission for which the applicant was timely notified or when the time for such notification has expired.”*

Just as we had to do with the Duck Hunting Ordinance, the City has to adopt an ordinance and then have FWC approve it. The County is also taking steps to try to control issues on the lake (See my Nav Board Report in this Council packet).

Staff Recommendation: Continue to work in partnership with the County and our state legislators but continue to move forward toward adopting this ordinance as a backup plan.

Suggested Motion: I move that we forward this draft ordinance to the City Attorney for review and read it for the first time at the August 6, 2019 meeting.

Alternatives: Do not move it forward but continue to work with Orange County. .

Fiscal Impact: \$15,000 (Council approved for Attorney to research control of the lake).

Attachments: Draft Ordinance