



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

Meeting Date: May 19, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: B. Francis, City Manager

Subject: Proposed Ordinance to Adopt Orange County Boating Codes

Background: At the May 5th Council Meeting, the Council approved moving forward with the first reading of the proposed ordinance to adopt the Orange County Codes for boating. One other addition that I wanted to make to this draft ordinance is to include the proposed Canoe/Kayak Trail that is described in the City's Comprehensive Plan and to provide for a Slow Speed, Minimal Wake Zone through the "narrows" in Little Lake Conway and near the Sea Plane bases on Little Lake Conway and the South Lake. These additions were part of the draft ordinance that the City Council tabled in October 2019.

There have been objections to moving this ordinance forward due to the pandemic restrictions placed on public meetings and the limited ability of citizens to provide comments and input to the proposed ordinance. The Council may consider publishing this ordinance on-line and allow for a two-week comment period before reading and adopting the ordinance. So far, most of the comments on the proposed ordinance has been from those who are involved in recreation involving motorized watercraft. It might be especially useful to have those involved in non-motorized watercraft (paddleboards and kayaks) to provide comments.

Staff Recommendation: Send the proposed ordinance to the City Attorney for review and schedule 1st reading for the next available Council Meeting and put out an E-Alert for residents to report near misses to the City.

Suggested Motion: I move that accept the we accept the staff recommendation to post the ordinance on-line and provide a two-week comment period prior to reading and adopting the ordinance.

Alternatives: Read Ordinance 20-05 for the First Time and schedule a future meeting for the second reading and adoption.

Fiscal Impact: TBD

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance