



COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: July 28th, 2025

TOPIC Marine Watercraft Ordinance Amendment -Introduction and First Reading

BACKGROUND BRIEF:

Amendments to Chapter 98: Watercraft and Marine Safety

The waters of Lake Orion are among the Village's most valuable natural and recreational assets. In order to maintain proper levels of safety and oversight on the lake, the Lake Orion Police Department (LOPD) must rely not only on MCOLES-certified officers but also on trained Code Enforcement Officers and Reserve Officers.

Unlike MCOLES-certified officers, Code Enforcement and Reserve Officer, once properly trained, are authorized only to enforce local ordinances and are not empowered to enforce state or federal laws. To strengthen our lake patrol capabilities, the proposed adoption of the Marine Safety Act as a local ordinance will provide these officers with a clearer framework to engage the public regarding boater safety, inland lake preservation, and compliance with local marine regulations.

In 2025, LOPD sent two officers to a 40-hour Marine Officer School, equipping them with the knowledge and training necessary to support marine law enforcement. The department is committed to the continued development of its marine division, and adoption of the Marine Safety Act by ordinance enables us to broaden enforcement coverage using properly trained personnel.

Administration is requesting that the Village Council introduce and give first reading to Ordinance No. 12.10, which amends Chapter 98: Watercraft and Marine Safety. These amendments reflect feedback provided by Village Council during multiple meetings and are intended to support the department's ongoing commitment to lake safety.

The proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the Village Attorney. All changes are clearly marked in redline format for Council's consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no additional financial impact to be considered.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Motion to introduce and give first reading to Ordinance No. 12.10, an Ordinance to amend the Village of Lake Orion Code of Ordinances, Title IX. *General Regulations*, as follows:

- Chapter 96: Parks and Recreation, Boating Regulations
- Chapter 96: Parks and Recreation, Lake Street Boat Launch Regulations
- Chapter 98: Watercraft Regulations
- To include Regulations for Use of Pelton Public Boat Docks by Boats, Excluding Personal Watercrafts

Further, to schedule the second reading and consideration for adoption at the Village Council's regular meeting on August 11th, 2025, and to direct the Village Clerk to publish the required public notice of the proposed ordinance in accordance with applicable law.