

MEMO

TO: Chairperson Davis and Committee Members
FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.
DATE: May 14, 2024
RE: Review and take possible action: Approve Ordinance to Regulate Boating Upon the Rock River

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Background: At the Main Street (Cole) Bridge preconstruction meeting held on April 24th, it was pointed out by the WDNR that boating needed to be excluded both upstream and downstream of the bridge during demolition and construction. WDNR stated that it would fall on the City to prepare and submit a Waterway Marker application and permit. It turns out that the category of permit the City needs requires an ordinance to be passed prior to the placement of the navigational aids. Being this was the first time City staff was aware of this requirement, we have been working with the WDNR to get temporary buoys in until such time as we could prepare and bring forward to Public, Safety & Welfare Committee and Common Council an ordinance to exclude boating upstream and downstream of the bridge during demolition and construction. A draft ordinance and site map showing the locations of the proposed "boat excluded" navigational aids will be placed. Demolition of the bridge deck began on May 14th, so time is of essence to get the aids placed.

If the Committee approves moving forward the draft ordinance to Common Council, the ordinance is on tonight's Common Council agenda. If the Committee does not approve moving forward the ordinance, the agenda item will need to be tabled at Council.

Enclosed:

- Draft Ordinance
- Site Map