

**TOWN OF LA POINTE**  
**ORDINANCE #2011-01**  
**An Ordinance Regulating Docking And/Or Camping at The Beach Known as**  
**Joni's Beach Located at 677 Main St.**  
**and**  
**The Town Dock located on Lake Superior at the end of Colonel Woods**  
**Avenue, and all Shoreline between Lot 6, Block 26 and Lot 1, Block 27.**

The park known as Joni's Beach shall include those lands and any harbor-related improvements located within Parcels #01400450000 and 014004470100 located at 677 Main St. and extending into the waters of Lake Superior.

The Town Dock shall include both of the above described areas.

Sec. 2010-01.01 Purpose: It is the purpose of this ordinance to enact provisions regulating activities at the park known as Joni's Beach and the Town Dock in order to provide for the proper use and enjoyment of the park, beach, and dock by its users and for their safety and protection.

Sec. 2010-01.02 Definitions

Overnight Docking is defined as docking 24 hours or more and is not allowed except in an emergency situation.

The word "boat" wherever it appears is to be construed as including all watercraft.

Sec. 2010-01.03 Regulated Activities

(a) All boats must be seaworthy and registered with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

(b.) **Docking**: No overnight docking is permitted at either the Town Dock or the park known as Joni's Beach. No individual may have more than one boat owned by him/her in an overnight slip at the Town Dock. No person may dock a boat so as to prevent another boat from leaving the dock.

(c.) **Camping**: It shall be unlawful for any person to camp, to maintain a campsite or to use camping equipment or to camp or stay in any car, truck or boat in or out of the water or docked overnight in the park known as Joni's Beach or at the Town Dock. Sleeping overnight in any area of the park or dock is not permitted.

(d.) **Picnicking & Grilling**: Picnics are permitted at the pavilion and picnic tables at Joni's Beach. Grill cooking is permitted at established grills. No open fires are permitted.

(e.) **Fishing**: fishing from the dock is permitted.

(f.) **Swimming**: swimming is permitted.

(g.) **Launching**: Boat launching is permitted; however, a car and trailer with or without a boat may not be left unattended in the launch area. All boats must be seaworthy and registered with the U.S. Coast Guard.

(h.) **Pets**: Pets are permitted in the park, but they must be restrained and any pet feces deposited on the beach or on mowed or paved area must be picked up and disposed of properly.

(i.) **Commercial Activities**: (1.) No commercial or business activities may be conducted at the park known as Joni's Beach or on the town dock or in the waters adjacent. (2.) The use of an overnight slip at the Town Dock for commercial purposes is prohibited.

(j.) **Parking & Trailer Parking**: Parking is restricted to designated (painted) spaces only and trailer parking is restricted to the space immediately adjacent to the park driveway on the south side. No overnight parking of a vehicle with or without a trailer (with or without a boat) is allowed.

(k.) **Boat Repair**: No non-emergency boat repair is permitted at either dock at any time.

(l) Docking for severe weather conditions or other emergencies is permitted, but only for the period that the emergency exists.

#### Sec. 2010-01.04 Violations

It shall be a violation of this ordinance to:

(a.) Navigate, direct or handle any watercraft—whether motorized or not-- in a manner as to endanger the general public or to damage another boat.

(b.) Park or dock a boat, vehicle or trailer or otherwise use the launching ramp in a manner which will prevent other persons from using the launching ramps, or in a manner which will cause unreasonable delay or inconvenience to other persons using the launching ramp.

(c.) Park, dock, stand, obstruct, and/or leave unattended in violation of the signs regulating parking and docking and other activities; and/or

(d.) Park or dock overnight: a car, a car and trailer with or without a boat, or a trailer with or without a boat or a boat.

(e.) Allow or permit an unrestrained pet in the mowed or paved area, or on the dock, or on the beach or in the adjacent water, and/or

(f.) Fail to remove pet feces left anywhere in the mowed or paved area, or on the dock, or on the beach or in the adjacent water.

(g) No person shall dock, park or beach a boat anywhere in the Town of LaPointe if that docking, parking or beaching will have the effect of blocking or obstructing any public access to Lake Superior or any public access to water connecting to Lake Superior.

#### Sec. 2010-01.06 Enforcement Provisions

This Ordinance may be enforced by the issuance of a citation to any violator of it by any Town of La Pointe law enforcement officer, any Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff of Ashland County, or by any state officer with police powers. The owner and/or operator of any violating boat shall be jointly and severally liable for any violation of this ordinance.

Adoption of the Ordinance does not preclude the Town Board from adopting any other ordinance or providing for the enforcement of any other law or ordinance relating to the same or other matter. And issuance of a citation hereunder shall not preclude the Town or County or any authorized officer from proceeding under any other ordinance or law or by any other enforcement method to enforce any ordinance, regulation or order.

If a boat is docked or abandoned at the dock for 24 hours or more, or if this ordinance is otherwise being violated, town police are authorized to remove the boat to the marina or other suitable location at their discretion. The violator will be responsible for costs of moving and storing the boat in addition to any other applicable penalty.

#### Sec. 2010-01.07 Penalty Provisions

Any person found guilty of violating the aforementioned chapter, or any part thereof, shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 together with the costs of prosecution and in default of payment of such forfeiture and cost of prosecution shall be imprisoned in the county jail until said forfeiture is paid but not exceeding 60 days. Each calendar day or part of a new calendar day shall be a separate violation. In addition to the above forfeiture the violator will be responsible for any charges incurred by the town for the towing or storage of boats in violation of this ordinance.

This Ordinance shall be effective the day after its publication.

The Town Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in the *Daily Press* newspaper as a Class 1 notice under Chapter 985 Wisconsin Statutes.

This Ordinance was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of La Pointe at its meeting on January 25, 2011.

TOWN OF LA POINTE

By: Greg Nelson  
Greg Nelson, Town Chair

attest: Patty Hobin  
Patty Hobin, Town Clerk