



A message from your Lakes Commission:

Now that the warmer weather is here, are you thinking of finally getting back out on the lakes? Whether you are considering fishing, boating, landscaping or making improvements to your shorelines, we think it is important that you be aware of the Village ordinances pertaining to these activities and improvements. For this reason, we have taken the liberty of attaching a brochure highlighting the Village's lake regulations. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with these regulations before you engage in any shoreline improvements or add docks or piers.

In addition, we wanted to introduce you to the Lindenhurst Lakes Commission and its website at www.lindenhurstlakes.com. The Lindenhurst Lakes Commission is composed of a group of Village-appointed volunteers who support a comprehensive program that incorporates both protection and restoration activities to improve and maintain the quality of our four Village lakes. The Lakes Commission's public meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every other month in the Village Hall (i.e., January, March, May, July, September and November). If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to visit our website so that you may acquaint yourself with some of the activities with which we have been involved. We invite you to attend some of our public meetings as well.

Finally, the Lakes Commission invites you to register to receive email notifications of important lake events. Examples of notifications we intend to send to those who register includes reports on fish stocking; new lakes commission recommendations; water quality reports; shoreline stabilization incentives or any developments in which lakeshore property owners may be interested. In order to sign up to receive these email notices, please email us at lakescommission@lindenhurstil.org with a request to receive lake updates.

In the meantime, the Lakes Commission encourages you to join us in our efforts to maintain and improve our lakes. You can begin to contribute by familiarizing yourselves with the attached ordinances and attending our scheduled meetings at Village Hall. We hope to hear from you!

Sincerely,

The Lindenhurst Lakes Commission

Attachment: Lake Regulations 95.50 through 95.59

LAKE REGULATIONS – VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST



95.50 APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS

The following regulations shall apply only to lakes located within the corporate limits of the Village, except 95.56 of this chapter which shall also apply to all property within the Village, wherever located.

95.51 USE OF LAKES – BOAT LAUNCHING

- a) Use of lakes shall be restricted to village residents and their invited guests in accordance with these regulations. For purposes of this subchapter, the term “guests” shall not include a group of individuals who are members of a club or organization invited to use the lakes by a Village resident.
- b) No person, firm nor corporation shall launch a boat into a lake within the Village directly from any boat trailer by backing the trailer up to a lake shore, except at the boat launch on Lake Linden. However, boat launching at other sites will be allowed for Village-authorized maintenance personnel.

95.52 DOCKS AND PIERS

No person shall construct and/or maintain a dock or pier upon any lake within the Village, except if the following conditions are met:

- a) Docks and piers shall not extend out into the lake more than 15 feet from the water’s edge, and must be attached to the shoreline. However, 25 foot docks and piers are allowed in Lake Waterford, and 24 foot docks and piers are allowed in Lake Linden on the northerly shore between Meyer’s Beach and Beck Basin. No dock or pier shall exceed in total surface area 120 square feet.
- b) Docks and piers shall not be wider than 4 feet.
- c) Docks and piers shall not be constructed nor maintained on the narrow area abutting Waterford Woods unit 2, specifically on the northwest 100 feet of the rear lot line of lot 19, and the southeast 30 feet of the rear lot line of lot 18.
- d) Docks and piers shall not be constructed of materials which are hazardous to the environment.
- e) Docks and piers shall be constantly maintained in a manner so that they remain safe and are not hazardous to the environment or individuals using the lakes.
- f) Any dock or pier in existence as of November 23, 1998, which is not in compliance with division (a) or (b) of this section, shall be exempt from the provisions of divisions (a) and (b) of this section until the time of its replacement.
- g) Dock and pier parts shall be made of nontoxic, nonpolluting materials which will not harm the environment.

95.53 FIXED RAFTS

The term “fixed raft” includes any floating device which is designed and intended to float on the surface of the water and is affixed or attempted to be affixed in any manner to the bottom of the lake for the purpose of holding it in a certain location. No person shall construct and/or maintain a fixed raft upon any lake within the Village, except if the following conditions are met:

- a) Fixed rafts shall not exceed 64 square feet of surface area, and shall not be located in any channel area.
- b) Fixed rafts shall be located not more than 30 feet from the water’s edge and within an area defined as between the extended lot lines (as they would project out into the lake) of the property owned by the person constructing and/or maintaining the raft.
- c) No more than 1 fixed raft shall be constructed and/or maintained within the area defined in division (b) of this section.

- d) A fixed raft may not be installed in any lake until on or after May 1, and must be removed no later than September 30.
- e) Fixed rafts shall not be constructed of materials which are hazardous to the environment.
- f) Fixed rafts shall be constantly maintained as to their location and structure so that they remain safe and are not a hazard to the environment.

95.54 WATERCRAFT

The term "watercraft" includes any type of boat or flotation device used for fishing and capable of transporting people. No person shall operate or be transported in a watercraft on a lake within the Village, except if the following conditions are met:

- a) The watercraft must have affixed to its bow a current Village watercraft sticker, as well as a current state of Illinois Department of Natural Resources sticker.
- b) The watercraft cannot have a gas powered engine. Watercraft with electric powered motors shall be limited to a maximum of 12 volts, except pontoon boats whose motors are not to exceed 24 volts.
- c) The watercraft, immediately after leaving its dock or point of access to the lake, must be operated in excess of 25 feet from any shoreline, beach area or roped-off swimming area.
- d) No watercraft shall be operated within 25 feet of any swimmer.

95.55 SNOWMOBILES AND OTHER VEHICLES

No person shall operate a snowmobile or any other gas or electrical powered vehicle on any frozen lake within the Village.

95.56 POLLUTION OF LAKES

No person or corporation shall pollute any of the lakes within the Village. By way of example, without limitation, no person or corporation shall:

- a) Deposit any liquid other than water, any chemical or any solid in any lake or in any catch basin or ditch draining into any lake within the Village.
- b) Start any fire within 20 feet of the water's edge of any lake.
- c) Maintain a compost pile or ash pile within 20 feet of the water's edge of any lake.
- d) Maintain a doghouse, dog enclosure or dog run within 20 feet of the water's edge of any lake.
- e) Apply any liquid or granular fertilizer, pesticide or herbicide within 20 feet of the water's edge of any lake.

95.57 REMOVAL OF WATER FROM LAKES

No person or corporation shall pump or siphon any water in any manner from any lake within the Village.

95.58 FISHING

Fishing is allowed; however, largemouth bass, muskie, and channel catfish may not be permanently removed, and must be released back into the lake immediately if caught. Also, there is a limit of catching bluegills of 25 per day.

Other restrictions/regulations are as follows:

- a) No baitfish are allowed to be used while fishing on any lake within the Village.
- b) No fish shall be transferred from any source into any lake in the Village except as authorized and approved by the Village Board.

95.59 RETAINING WALLS/SHORELINE STABILIZATION

No person shall construct and/or repair a retaining wall or shoreline stabilization upon any lake within the Village, except if the following conditions are met:

- a) A watershed development permit must be obtained from the Village before construction or repair.
- b) Materials used in the construction of a new or replacement retaining wall or shoreline stabilization must be nontoxic, nonpolluting, nonleachable materials such as rock, stone, wood, sand, manmade blocks of like materials. Specifically, steel or any other metal materials, limestone and railroad tie timbers shall not be allowed.
- c) Any retaining wall or shoreline stabilization in existence as of January 24, 2005, which is not in compliance with division (b) of this section, shall be exempt from the provisions of division (b) of this section until the time of its replacement.