

## **A Local Law Regulating the Operation of Wakeboard Boats Within the Town of Madison**

**I. Purpose:** The Town Board of the Town of Madison desires to protect the shorelines of lakes within the Town from unnecessary erosion caused by excessive wakes and waves caused by boats specifically designed or altered to create large wakes.

### **II. Definitions:**

**1. Wakeboard Boat:** A wakeboard board is a motorized wake enhancement watercraft that can also be referred to as a bladder boat, ballast boat or wake boat. It is a monohull motorboat that can be artificially filled with water for added weight in cavities or ballast tanks designated to hold water or weighted with material on or in the monohull and/or uses hydraulically controlled devices or any other attachment(s) intended for the sole purpose of increasing the size and/or output of a boat's wakes, whether empty, full of water or weighted in some other manner, but does not include boats with wells intended solely to store fishing bait, or live wells for the purpose of holding live fish.

**III. Prohibition:** No person shall operate a wakeboard boat on a lake within the Town of Madison, Madison County, New York. The creation of any wave exceeding twelve (12) inches from trough to crest shall constitute prima facia evidence of excessive wakes, or one having damaging capability.

**IV. Penalties:** A violation of this local law shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$100.00 for a first offense, \$250.00 for a second offense within two (2) years, and \$500.00 for a third offense within two (2) years.

**V.** The Town Board authorizes the Town of Madison Code Enforcement Officer to issue an appearance ticket under this local law. Such authorization shall not prevent any law enforcement officer of the State of New York from enforcing compliance with this local law.

**VI.** This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.