

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-004

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF LINN, WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN, SECTION 13-13, BOAT LAUNCHINGS

§ 13-13 Boat launchings.

A. Launch site. The Town hereby establishes separate boat launching facilities located on the shore of Geneva Lake at the north end of Linn Pier Road and at the north end of Hillside Road. Unless a site is a designated boat launching facility, motorized boat launching is prohibited on public property.

B. Use of Linn Launch sites, ramps and municipal piers. No person shall park a vessel, boat (motorized or non-motorized), barge, or watercraft at a Linn launch site, ramp, or a Linn municipal pier for more than ten (10) minutes unless authorized per § 13-13(C).

C. Rental of a Launch site: The Town of Linn may allow rental of a Linn Launch site for uses specified in § 13-13(H)(1). Rentals are excluded from Fridays to Sundays, and holidays between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. from May 1 – September 30 of each year. During rental hours, the launch will be available to authorized users on a first-come, first-serve basis. This does not include rental access of a Linn municipal pier.

DB. Fees. The fees charged for launching boats shall be determined by the Harbor Commission subject to approval by the Town Board by the at the regular March meeting and shall be charged anytime launch sites are accessed by a vessel, boat, barge or watercraft.

EC. Rules. Reasonable rules and regulations with regard to use and maintenance of such launching facilities shall be made from time to time by the Harbor Commission subject to approval by the Town Board.[1]

FD. Issuance of boat passes. Boat launch passes and season passes shall be issued at boat launches or the Town Clerk's office.

GE. Boat Launch Assistant and pier attendant. There shall be created an office positions known as the "Launch and Pier Attendant Boat Launch Assistant." Said attendant assistant shall be appointed by the Harbor Commission subject to approval by the Town Board for a term to be determined by it. Compensation for the Boat Launch Assistant Launch and Pier Attendant shall be set by the Harbor Commission subject to approval by the Town Board from time to time. The Launch and Pier Attendant Boat Launch Assistant shall be responsible for the enforcement of this section, including the issuance of launch citations.

HF. Commercial Use of launch area regulated for the purpose of handling construction materials.

(1) "~~Commercial-Construction~~ use" means a person using the Town municipal launches, parking areas and ramps as a bulk handling area for the loading or unloading of construction materials from or onto watercraft from or to locations on Geneva Lake. Such construction materials include, but are not limited to, building materials, earth, stone, timbers and pier lumber.

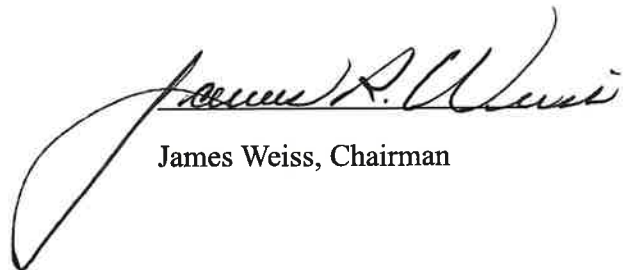
(2) ~~The commercial-U~~se of the Town of Linn municipal launches, parking areas and ramps for construction purposes as defined in § 13-13(H)(1) is prohibited without a permit rental permit. Every person shall obtain ~~an annual permit~~ a rental permit prior to the ~~commercial-construction~~ use of the Town of Linn municipal launches, parking areas and ramps. ~~The A rental~~ permit shall be issued by the Town Clerk upon the filing of an application and the payment of the required fee. The application shall contain the name, address, telephone number and gross vehicle weight of the loads proposed to be handled by the ~~construction commercial~~-user at the municipal launch parking area and ramp. The exact nature, including the weight thereof, of the construction materials to be handled and the equipment proposed for handling must be stated in the application. The applicant is responsible for all damage to the Town-owned launch facilities, including the piers, parking lots and ramp areas, and will promptly reimburse the Town for any such damages. Any violation of this provision will result in the immediate revocation of the permit and/or forfeiture as provided in Chapter 1, § 1-4, of this Code, the commencement of an action for the imposition of the standard penalties of this Code and/or action for money damages. The cost of such rental permit shall be established by the Town Board at-by its March regular meeting every year.

~~(3) "Commercial use" means any person or entity undertaking boat launches as part of a commercial enterprise, boat rental business or short-term boat launch and boat retrieval service (other than a seasonal commercial launch service) shall obtain an annual commercial launch permit pursuant to this subsection of the Town Code. An annual permit shall be issued by the Town Clerk upon the filing of an application and the payment of the required fee. The application shall contain the name, address, telephone number and estimated number of boat launches per year at the Launch site.~~

IG. Violations. Anyone who fails to pay a boat launch fee, or fails to obtain a boat launch pass or commercial boat launch pass when required under the terms of § 13-13, shall be subject to a forfeiture as provided in Chapter 1, § 1-4, of this Code.

Adopted this 10th day of February 2025.

Attest: Alyson Morris
Alyson Morris, Clerk


James Weiss, Chairman