

As Adopted 2/19/07

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

**SPECIAL LOCAL WATERCRAFT CONTROL**

Regulation No. 41 – Kent County

**WC - 41 - 06 - 002 Flat River: SLOW-- NO WAKE SPEED**

On the waters of the Flat River, being that portion as it extends southerly from the Flat River Drive bridge to the upstream Lowell City Limits known locally as the "Boy Scout" property, to the nearest opposite shore as posted. All located within sections 25, 26, 35, 36, town 7 north, range 9 west, township of Vergennes, county of Kent, state of Michigan, it is unlawful for the operator of a vessel to exceed a slow--no wake speed.

Slow--no wake speed means a very slow speed whereby the wake or wash created by the motorboat would be minimal.

The boundaries of the area described immediately above shall be marked with signs and/or or with buoys. All buoys must be placed as provided in a permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources and be in conformance with the State Uniform Waterway Marking System.

*Maria Stone*

*Vergennes Township Clerk*

**FLAT RIVER SLOW-NO WAKE ORDINANCE**  
**ORDINANCE NUMBER 94-2**

An ordinance to regulate the speed of vessels on portions of the Flat River and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:**

- Section I.                    Title. This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Vergennes Township Flat River Slow-No Wake Ordinance.
- Section II.                  Definitions. All words or phrases in this Ordinance shall have the same meaning as ascribed to such words or phrases by the Michigan Marine Safety Act, MCLA 281.1001 et seq., as amended from time to time.
- Section III.                 Slow No-Wake Regulation. On the waters of the Flat River, in Section 24 (upstream limit is the "covered bridge"), section 25 and section 26 (downstream limit is the STS power dam), Town 7N Range 9W, Vergennes Township, Kent County, it is unlawful for the operator of a vessel to exceed a slow-no wake speed.
- Section IV.                 Penalties. Any person who shall violate this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for a period of time not exceeding ninety (90) days or a fine not to exceed \$500 or both, in the discretion of the court, together with costs of such prosecution.
- Section V.                  Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication.

Board Member     Weber    , supported by Board Member     Cook    , moved the adoption of the foregoing Ordinance.

Yeas: Board Members     5    

Nays: Board Members     0    

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Township of Vergennes' Board held on April 11, 1994. A true copy of the Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Vergennes Township Hall located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, Michigan.

Township of Vergennes  
Jean Hoffman, Clerk