

ORDINANCE NO.: 5194

AN ORDINANCE amending 48-30(e) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding boat house licensing.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Section 48-30(e) is hereby amended to read as follows:

48-30(e) Licensing of ~~house boats and~~ boat houses. All ~~house boats and~~ boat houses located within the City, whether floating on water ~~or situated on land~~, shall procure a license from the Department of Parks and Recreation. Licenses shall only be issued by the City of La Crosse. The license fee shall be in the amount established by resolution and shall be due July 1 of each year. A late penalty in the amount established by resolution shall be assessed against any applicant who does not renew by July 1st. All licenses issued hereunder shall be from July 1 to June 30 following. Applicants for licenses shall execute forms furnished by the Department of Parks and Recreation. As a condition for a license, each ~~house boat and~~ boat house must conform to the following regulations:

- (1) They shall be posted with a name assigned to it by the Department of Parks and Recreation as well as the name and address of the licensee, the number shall be not less than six inches in height and the assigned number shall contain the prefix B or H to designate whether it is licensed as a boat house ~~or house boat~~.
- (2) Whether on water or on land, they shall be securely anchored.
- (3) They shall be maintained in a good and sanitary condition and shall be periodically painted so as to avoid unsightly appearance.
- (4) The approach to them shall be safe and well maintained and adjacent lands shall be kept clean and sanitary and free from debris.
- (5) Each shall contain a minimum of one approved Coast Guard life preserver and one fire extinguisher.
- (6) They shall be subject to inspection by appropriate officers of the City to ensure compliance with all of the terms and conditions of this section.
- (7) They shall be held in place or in a stable position with spuds and/or cables.
- (8) They shall be outfitted with the flotation device required by subsection (b) of this section and the sanitary facilities required by subsection (c) of this section.
- (9) ~~House boats and b~~Boat houses found abandoned or in a dilapidated condition will be removed by the Department of Parks and Recreation at the owner's expense.
- (10) Any ~~house boat or~~ boat house which breaks loose from its moorings may be demolished by the City; provided, however, if possible, it shall be salvaged, but all expenses of salvage and demolition shall be charged to the owner thereof.

SECTION II: Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this division shall not be affected.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

_____/s/_____
Mitch Reynolds, Mayor

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Nikki M. Elsen, City Clerk

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