

### 30.79 WATERWAY MARKERS AND REGULATORY SIGNAGE REGULATIONS.

(1) Purpose. The County Board of Supervisors finds that regulating the placement and maintenance of regulatory waterway markers and signage problematic and resource consuming and the improper placement and maintenance of regulatory waterway markers and signage endangers the health, welfare, and public safety. The City and County of La Crosse find it necessary to regulate the administration of waterway markers and signage pursuant to s. 30.77(3)(a), Wis. Stats.

(2) Area Defined. The placement and maintenance of regulatory waterway markers (buoys) and signage in pool 7 and pool 8 of the Mississippi and Black Rivers within La Crosse County in conformance with Wisconsin Statutes.

(3) Delegation of Authority. The County Board of Supervisors hereby delegates the authority to administer this ordinance to the Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners.

(4) Annual Inspection and Local Permit Required. The placement of regulatory waterway markers and signage shall first be approved by the Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners and the Wisconsin DNR through a Waterway Marker Permit pursuant to NR 5.09. By March 31 of each calendar year the riparian property owner(s) shall obtain an annual permit locally from the Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners prior to installation of waterway markers which have been approved in accordance with NR 5.09. The Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners shall no less than annually inspect the property placement of all waterway markers and signs for conformance with the applicable waterway marker permits. The Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners shall cause to be removed any and all waterway markers and signs that are not permitted, properly maintained or do not conform with NR 5.09.

(5) Fees. The annual fee for a local waterway marker permit issued by the Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners shall be set by the Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners and approved by the County Board of Supervisors from time to time. Waterway markers and signage owned and placed by the City or County of La Crosse are exempt from this annual fee but an annual permit shall still be required. The fees collected in any calendar year shall accrue to either the City or County corresponding to the staffing and administration of the Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners for that calendar year. If accrued to the County, the County Clerk shall collect the fees.