

**ORDINANCE 3251-22**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA,  
AMENDING CHAPTER 114 "WATERWAYS", ARTICLE IV "BOATING  
AND WATER SAFETY" TO MODIFY THE MAXIMUM LENGTH OF  
BOATS OPERATED ON THE CITY CHAIN OF LAKES; PROVIDING FOR  
CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE.**

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the numerous lakes and waterways, including the lakes which comprise the Winter Park Chain of Lakes, are located within jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Winter Park ("City"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Code of Ordinances authorizes the regulation of motorboat lengths only within Winter Park's Chain of Lakes for the protection of shoreline erosion from wave impacts and safe boat passage within the canals; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Code of Ordinances currently allows pontoon boats and sail boats to be 24 feet in length however motorboats are restricted to 21 feet; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 2022, the Lakes and Waterways Board reviewed the City's existing boat length ordinance and unanimously recommended approval for the City Commission to adopt an ordinance amending the City's motorized boat length regulation from 21 feet to 24 feet, registered length, with an 8.5-foot width (beam) within the Chain of Lakes only.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IN ENACTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Ordinance as legislative findings.

**Section 2. City Code Amendment.** Sections 114-78 of the City of Winter Park Code of Ordinances are hereby amended and modified as follows (words that are ~~stricken out~~ are deletions; words that are underlined are additions; provisions and sentences not included are not being amended; stars \*\*\* indicate separations between sections or subsections and do not represent Code amendments):

**CHAPTER 114-WATERWAYS**

**Sec. 114-78. Size of Boats.**

The maximum length of any boat to be launched or operated on the city chain of lakes only shall not exceed 21 feet, with the exception of pontoon boats and sail boats, which shall not exceed 24 feet in length as listed on boat registration, with the

exception of city vessels that is used for official business. No boat exceeding a width of ~~eight~~ 8.5 feet shall enter any canal. All power boat operators must comply with the maximum horsepower and maximum occupant capacity as stated on the manufacturer's capacity plate of that boat.

**Section 3. Codification.** Section 2 of this Ordinance will be incorporated into the WinterPark City Code. Any section, paragraph number, letter and/or any heading may be changed or modified as necessary to effectuate the foregoing. Grammatical, typographical, and similar or like errors may be corrected, and additions, alterations, and omissions not affecting the construction or meaning of this ordinance and the City Code may be freely made.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether for substantive, procedural, or any other reason, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**Section 5. Conflicts.** In the event of a conflict or conflicts between this Ordinance and any other Ordinance or provision of law, this Ordinance governs and controls to the extent of any such conflict.

**Section 6. Directions to City Staff.** City Staff under the direction of the City Manager are directed and authorized to take such actions as are necessary and advisable to effect and carry out this Ordinance.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after its adoption by the City Commission of the City of Winter Park, Florida.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Winter Park, Florida, held in City Hall, Winter Park, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

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Mayor Phillip M. Anderson

ATTEST:

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Rene Cranis, City Clerk