



## Internal Memo

May 22, 2019

TO: Mark C. Meyers, City Administrator

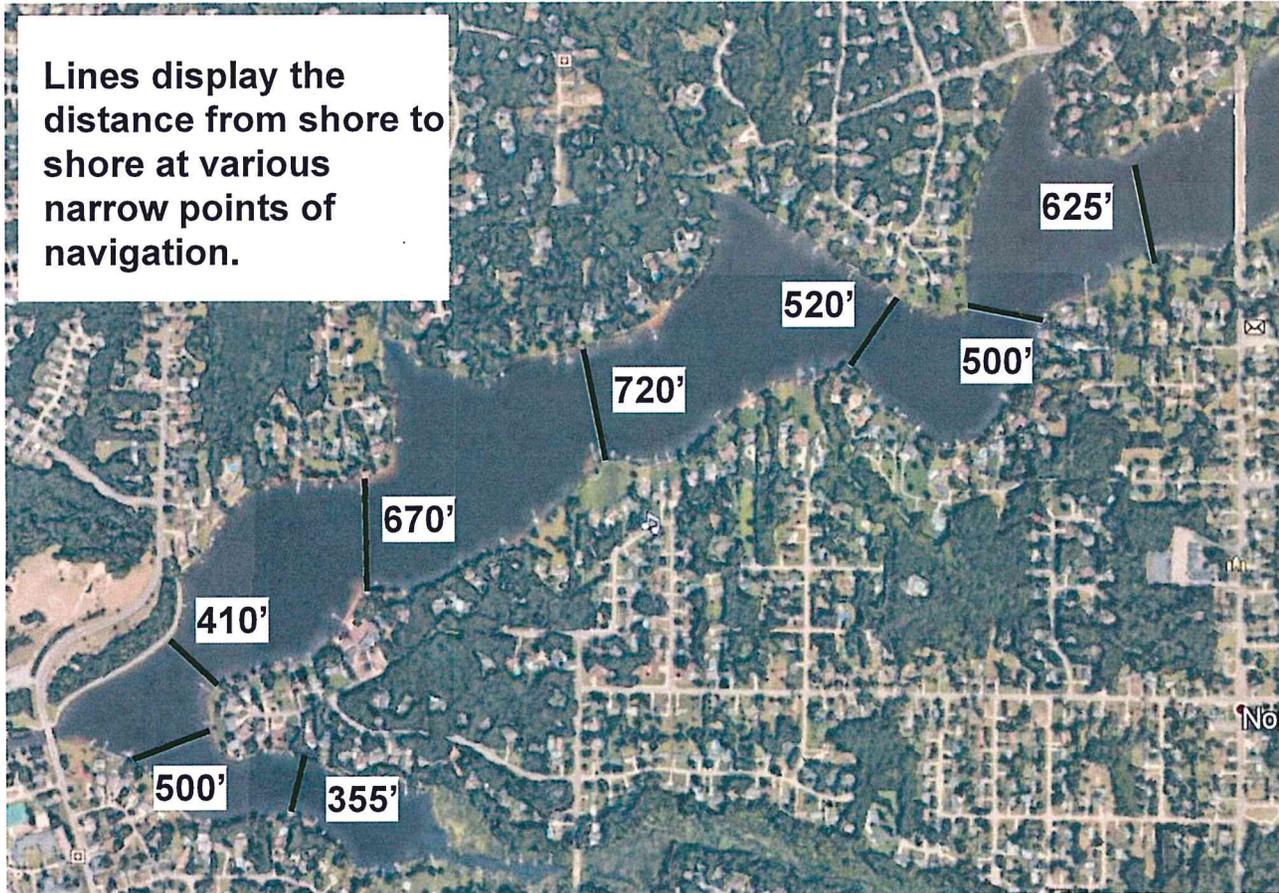
FROM: Jon Gale, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Mona Lake Boating Complaints

This memo is in response to the May 21<sup>st</sup> City Council meeting in which a citizen expressed concerns of damage to docks and seawalls along Mona Lake due to the high water levels and boating traffic.

The police department has received conflicting complaints from residents who live on Mona Lake. Some residents are asking for a temporary no wake ordinance due to the high water levels and others are against a wake ordinance because they have invested thousands of dollars on recreational boats. The police department plans to meet with the Mona Lake Improvement Association in the next few weeks to educate residents as to the process for requesting an ordinance change. That process is managed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The MIDNR will only grant ordinance changes through a formal review process. This process will be explained at the City Council Work Session on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as well as at the upcoming Mona Lake Improvement Association meeting. Also, the police department has been working on educational flyers that will be handed out and mailed to the residents and others who use Mona Lake.

# Mona Lake (Lake Harbor-Henry)



## “DNR Regulations”:

- Must travel “Slow-no wake” if within 100 ft of shore, docks, or other vessels
- No vessel may be operated within 200 ft of a dive flag
- Docks may not unduly interfere with navigation
- No operation in excess of 55 MPH on Mona Lake or within 1 mile of Lake MI coastline
- Legal limit to operate a vessel is less than .08 BAC
- Children < 6 y/o must wear a Type I or II personal flotation device
- PWC operation is prohibited from sunset until 8:00 AM
- Towing Skiers is prohibited from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise

**The City of Norton Shores is unable to enact any ordinance to restrict the use of Mona Lake without ultimate approval of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources**

Age Restrictions/Boater Safety Certificats (BSC)				
Motorboat			PWC	
Age	Motor	Restrictions	<14 y/o	Prohibited
<12	<6 HP	None	14 to <16 y/o	BSC, accompanied by 21 y/o parent or designee, must stay within 100 ft of parent/designee
	6 HP to 35 HP	BSC & Direct Supervision		
	> 35 HP	Prohibited		
12 & Older	>6 HP	Born after 7/1/96 must have BSC	16 & Older	Born after 12/31/78 must have BSC

**PLACEMENT OF NAVIGATION OR SWIM AREA BUOYS IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT DNR APPROVAL.**