

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
AUGUST 3, 2021 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>Establishment of a No-Wake Zone on the Little Maumelle River</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">√ Ordinance Resolution</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p>	<p>An ordinance to establish a No-Wake Zone on the Little Maumelle River.</p> <p>Installation costs will be paid from Parks Operating Funds.</p> <p>Approval of the ordinance.</p> <p>Numerous small vessels are routinely accessing the Little Maumelle River just west of Two Rivers Bridge within the corporate limits of the City of Little Rock. In addition, it is expected that visits to this area will increase significantly. In this area, larger, motor-driven vessels have been observed speeding through it and causing large wakes that threaten the safety of occupants in smaller vessels. To manage for this threat, Parks & Recreation Staff has applied for and received a permit from the U.S. Corps of Engineers to place no-wake buoys in Little Maumelle River.</p> <p>As a further condition of the permit, the Coast Guard requires an ordinance specifying the City’s desire to create a No-Wake Zone on the Little Maumelle River that makes it unlawful for any operator of any vessel to exceed a “slow, no-wake” speed or otherwise create a hazardous wake. The no-wake measure has been vetted with Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, who will be responsible for enforcing this law, and they are supportive of this measure if City complies with the requirements of the Corps’ Permit and Coast Guard’s requirement for an ordinance establishing the No-Wake Zone.</p>
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**BACKGROUND
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Funds provided shall be expended for duties performed to conduct outreach and cross-promotion of the availability of nutrition programs; testing new and creative communications strategies to increase participation; track data; connect campaign's efforts to other existing Citywide Initiatives; working with schools to improve school meals participation; develop or strengthen existing infrastructure that supports the feeding program; and increase capacity of key Afterschool and Summer Meal Program providers and increase number of feeding sites.

Staff routinely meets with Arkansas Boathouse Club and Rock Town River Outfitters whose patrons have experienced unsafe encounters with vessels creating large wakes.