

Boat Launch Ordinance

CITY OF ALMA ORDINANCE NO 164

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A BOAT LAUNCH FEE FOR USE OF THE BOAT LANDINGS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ALMA

WHEREAS, the City of Alma owns and operates the following boat landings: Alma South Boat Landing, Breckow's Landing and the Alma Marina Landing and plans to continue these activities and services in the future, and

WHEREAS, the City of Alma has expended and will in the future continue to expend substantial sums of money provided by local property taxes for these activities and services, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Alma has determined that the continuation of the above activities and services require a fair and reasonable fee to be charged to boat operators to supplement revenues received from local property taxes for these activities and services,

NOW THEREFORE, THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALMA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 99.01 LAUNCH FEE ESTABLISHED. No person shall launch a boat from the Alma South Boat Landing, Breckow's Landing and the Alma Marina landing in any calendar year without paying the launch fee established in this Section. All persons who launch boats at the above named sites must pay a \$5 launch fee. Any vehicle left at the launch site for more than one day must pay an additional \$5 fee for each additional day parked at the launch site. The canoe or kayak launch fee will be \$2 per watercraft. The fee must be put in the envelope supplied at the launch sites. The permit must be displayed on dash of the vehicle parked at the launch site (tear-off portion of permit envelope). Seasonal passes: \$30 for City of Alma resident (taxpayer living in the City of Alma at least seasonally), \$45 for Non-resident seasonal pass. No commercial exclusions; commercial users must obtain a seasonal pass. Government agencies are exempt (WI DNR, Municipal, US Army Corps of Engineers, Law Enforcement, Fire Services and Fish & Wildlife). Signage with regulations and ordinance will be displayed – locked drop box and envelopes will be available at each landing. Seasonal passes are available at the City Hall during regular hours or can be obtained by placing the seasonal pass fee into a site envelope and depositing said envelope and fee in a launch site drop-box. The pass must be obtained by the registered owner of the vehicle – if more than one vehicle is to be used, pass should be placed on dash or hung from rear view mirror.

Section 99.02 PENALTIES.

A. The penalty for violations of Ordinance #164 shall be \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for the second or subsequent offense during the same calendar year. The penalty may be paid at the City Hall, 314 North Main Street, during regular business hours or mail to City of Alma, P.O. Box 277 – Alma, WI 54610 within ten (10) calendar days of the date the violation occurred. The cancelled check will serve as the receipt. The registered owners of vehicles which fail to display permits will be responsible for the payment of any penalty associated with violation of the ordinance.

B. In the event that the penalty required in Section 99.01 above that has not been paid to the City of Alma within ten (10) days of the date the violation occurred, the penalty shall include a penalty assessment if required by Section 165.87, Wisconsin Statutes, a jail assessment if required by Section 302.46(1), Wisconsin Statutes, and any applicable fees and court costs prescribed by Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 99.03. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become upon passage, March 7, 2013 and publication. Published June 6, 2013.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that as of March 7th, 2013, the above Boat Launch Ordinance is a true and correct copy of the City of Alma's Ordinance #164.

_____/s/_____

Robert M. Scow, Mayor
City of Alma

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Linda M. Torgerson, City Clerk

City of Alma