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AMENDING CHAPTER 71 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES,
REGARDING THE ICEBOUND LAKES OF DANE COUNTY

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Dane does ordain as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, all references to section and chapter numbers are to those of the Dane County Code of Ordinances.

ARTICLE 2. Section 71.03 is amended to read as follows:

(3w) Recreational Vehicle means a vehicle which is either an all-terrain vehicle, utility-terrain vehicle, off-highway motorcycle, or snowmobile, with those terms having the meaning set forth in the Wisconsin Statutes.

ARTICLE 3. Section 70.10 is amended to read as follows:

71.10 MOTOR VEHICLES PROHIBITED ON COUNTY LAKES. Except as provided in sections 71.11, 71.12 and 71.13 hereof, No person shall drive or permit to be driven any motor vehicle upon the icebound waters of Dane County with the following exceptions:

- (1)** Persons may operate recreational vehicles upon the icebound waters of Dane County. Those vehicles must have a valid registration issued by the State of Wisconsin or other state. It is permissible to operate recreational vehicles that have been modified to replace their tires with treads and/or tracks.
- (2)** Persons may operate vehicles as permitted under section 71.13 of this Chapter.

ARTICLE 4. Section 71.11 is repealed.

ARTICLE 5. Section 71.12 is repealed.

ARTICLE 6. Section 71.13 is amended to read as follows:

71.13 EXCEPTIONS TO WEIGHT LIMITATIONS VEHICLE PROHIBITIONS. (1) The sheriff may issue a temporary certificate allowing operation of a motor vehicle ~~weighing 850 pounds or more~~, under the following circumstances where use of a motor vehicle on icebound waters is necessary:

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49 ARTICLE 7. Section 71.20(2) is enacted to read as follows:

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51 **(3) Personal floatation devices required. All operators and passengers of**
52 **motor vehicles present on the icebound lakes of Dane County shall**
53 **wear personal floatation devices while onboard the vehicle.**

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56 [EXPLANATION: This amendment updates Chapter 71 to allow for all-terrain
57 vehicles and snowmobiles to traverse the icebound lakes of Dane County
58 regardless of weight. Other vehicles may still be operated on the lakes with the
59 proper permit. This amendment makes Chapter 71 consistent across all
60 icebound lakes in Dane County. It adds a requirement to wear personal
61 floatation devices while operating vehicles on these lakes.]