ORDINANCE NO. 20200206-012

AN ORDINANCE CREATING SLOW – NO WAKE NAVIGATION CONTROL ZONES ON LAKE AUSTIN; AND CREATING AN OFFENSE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The council finds that:

(A) Lake Austin is a popular place of recreation for boaters, users of personal watercraft, swimmers, and other members of the public. As a result, Lake Austin is often crowded. This gives rise to the potential for dangerous conflicts and collisions between users.

(B) The area on Lake Austin under and around the Pennybacker Bridge, and the area immediately north of the Tom Miller Dam, near the Oyster Landing Marina and the Walsh Boat Landing, both create a particularly high risk for dangerous collisions on Lake Austin. These areas attract crowds on the lake, there are a number of boat rental vendors, and there are popular boat ramps and marinas.

(C) Restricting boat traffic on Lake Austin by creating SLOW – NO WAKE navigation control zones in these hazardous areas is necessary to protect public safety. Creating these navigation control zones in these areas will protect public safety by calming boat traffic. The navigation control zones will be marked by navigation buoys.

(D) Subsection (B) of City Code § 8-5-2 (Navigation Control Zones) provides that the boundaries of the navigation control zones are depicted on the “Navigation Control Zone Map” on file with the City Clerk. Exhibit 1 depicts the newly created navigation control zones and will be filed with the City Clerk to be incorporated into the “Navigation Control Zone Map.”

PART 2. The council enacts the following:

(A) SLOW – NO WAKE navigation control zones shall be established as shown on the map attached as Exhibit 1. A person operating a watercraft within the areas established as new SLOW – NO WAKE navigation control zones on Exhibit 1 shall comply with subsection (A)(10) of City Code § 8-5-2 (Navigation Control Zones).
(B) A person commits an offense if the person does not comply with the regulations indicated by the navigation buoys marking the SLOW – NO WAKE navigation control zones.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on February 17, 2020.

PASSED AND APPROVED

February 6, 2020

Steve Adler
Mayor

APPROVED: Anne Morgan
City Attorney

ATTEST: Jannette Goodall
City Clerk