



STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor Buckey

From: Beth Bellis, Harbormaster

Date: September 9, 2020

Subject: O-32-20, Vessels and Persons Using City Waters

The purpose of this legislation is to establish noise level standards for vessels on City waters and swimming and water skiing restrictions for persons using City waters. Following are the new provisions:

- The noise level standards established by the State of Maryland in the Maryland Annotated Code, as may be amended, and any related regulations, shall apply in and on all city waters.
- A person may not swim in the water within Market Slip and within 150 feet of any portion of Susan Campbell Park without the prior approval of the Harbormaster. The water skiing restrictions established by the State of Maryland in the Maryland Annotated Code, as may be amended, and any related regulations, shall apply in and on all city waters.

The intent of the proposed revisions is to provide clarification and language clean up, including:

1. Section 15.06.040 - This proposed revision would make the waterskiing restriction in Spa Creek consistent with the Maryland Annotated Code, and related State regulations.
2. Section 15.06.030 - This proposed revision redefines the City's excessive noise ordinance. It proposes that noise level standards are tied to the standards already established by the State in the Maryland Annotated Code and any related State regulations.

Both of these revisions should serve to provide ordinances that are more easily enforced, as well as more consistent with State laws and regulations.

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