

# **Town of Nashville Forest County, Wisconsin**

Ordinance No. 2025-4

## **Regulation of Power Loading at Public Boat Landing**

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### **Section 1: Title and Purpose**

This ordinance shall be known as the “Power Loading Regulation Ordinance” for the Town of Nashville.

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect town-owned boat landings and adjacent lakebeds from damage caused by power loading practices. Power loading contributes to erosion, rutting, and structural damage to boat ramps and aquatic habitats. This ordinance is intended to promote safe, responsible launching and retrieval of watercraft on Town of Nashville lakes.

### **Section 2: Definitions**

- Power Loading: The practice of using a boat’s engine to push or drive the boat onto or off of a trailer at a boat landing.
- Boat Landing: Any public access ramp, dock, or launch site maintained or owned by the Town of Nashville for the purpose of launching or retrieving watercraft.
- Town Lakes: Any lake within the jurisdiction of the Town of Nashville with a public boat landing.

### **Section 3: Prohibition**

Effective August 19, 2025, power loading is prohibited at all public boat landings on Town of Nashville lakes unless explicitly permitted by signage or by written authorization from the Town Board.

### **Section 4: Exceptions**

This prohibition does not apply to:

1. Launch or retrieval of emergency response vessels.
2. Launch or retrieval where designated by signage as a reinforced power loading zone.
3. Shallow thrust used only to center or guide the boat during manual winching, provided no visible erosion, rutting, or damage occurs.

### **Section 5: Enforcement and Penalties**

1. Violations of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 for each offense. Boat landings are monitored with cameras for identifying offenders.
2. Each instance of unauthorized power loading constitutes a separate offense.
3. Law enforcement officers, town personnel, and designated lake patrol officers are authorized to issue citations.

## Section 6: Signage

The Town of Nashville shall post appropriate signs at all public boat landings notifying users of this ordinance and the prohibition of power loading.

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## Section 7: Severability

If any section or provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of the ordinance.

## Section 8: Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and posting as provided by law.

Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Nashville this 19th day of August, 2025.

Approved:

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Town Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_