

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
DOUGLAS COUNTY
TOWN OF OAKLAND**

ORDINANCE NO 2023-9

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING USE OF TOWN OWNED ACCESS LOCATIONS

PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The purpose of this ordinance is to assure public access to lakes and to respect the rights of property owners within the Town of Oakland. Increased development on these lakes and more frequent use of town access has resulted in a need for clarification on activities allowed when a town access is used. The town board has the authority under its village powers under s.61.34, Wis. stats. to adopt this ordinance.

SECTION 1 – ACCESS LOCATIONS COVERED IN ORDINANCE

The town currently has six access locations identified on Dowling Lake. One is a class B boat landing. The other five are typically platted as, but not limited to, roads or lanes. These Dowling Lake access locations are regulated in this ordinance as well as any additional Town owned access locations on lakes in the Town of Oakland.

SECTION 2 - THE ERECTION OF SIGNS:

The town chairperson, or his or her designee, may erect signs identifying known access locations.

SECTION 3 - REGULATIONS FOR OAKLAND PUBLIC ACCESS

1. Swim at your own risk.
2. Foot traffic only. No motorized vehicles.
3. No littering.
4. No fires or grills.
5. Unattended beached or moored watercraft limited to 2 hours per day.
6. Leashed pets only. Pick up after your pet.
7. No trespassing on private property.
8. Leave the access in the condition you found it.
9. No overnight use.

SECTION 4 – ENFORCEMENT

Violators may be prosecuted. Call the Oakland Town Clerk 715-399-0206 to report violations.

SECTION 5 – SEVERABILITY:

If a court of competent jurisdiction adjudges any section, clause, provision or portion of this ordinance unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

This ordinance is effective on publication or posting or _____, 2023.
The town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wis. stats.

Adopted this 11th day of July, 2023.

Attest:

Jack Byrd

Jack Byrd, Chairperson

Dana Dolsen

Dana Dolsen, Supervisor

Randy Polson

Randy Polson, Supervisor

Laurie K. Dolsen

Laurie Dolsen, Town Clerk