

Town of Gordon  
Douglas County, Wisconsin

**Ordinance 2026-02**

**St Croix River Bridge on West Mail Road**

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE BOATING AND OTHER USES ON THE WATERS OF THE ST CROIX RIVER, THE TOWN OF GORDON, DOUGLAS COUNTY AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

The Town of Gordon does ordain as follows:

**SECTION I - APPLICABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the water of the St Croix River at the St Croix River Bridge area on West Mail Road, located in the jurisdiction of the Town of Gordon, Douglas County. This ordinance shall be enforced by the officers of the Town of Gordon, Douglas County and the Department of Natural Resources.

**SECTION II - INTENT**

The intent of this Ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interests and the capability of the water resources.

**SECTION III - STATE BOATING AND SAFETY LAWS ADOPTED**

State boating laws as found in Wis. stat. §30.50 to 30.71, are adopted by reference here.

**SECTION IV - PENALTIES**

Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in Wis. stat. §30.80, and deposits established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conferences, are hereby adopted by reference and all references to fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment are deleted.

**SECTION V - SEVERABILITY**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable, and it is expressly declared the Town of Gordon would have passed the other provisions of this Ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

**SECTION VI - BOAT RESTRICTION AREA and SUNSET DATE**

No person shall operate a boat, as defined in Wis. stat. §30.50(6), on the waters of the St Croix River, at the St Croix Bridge area on West Mail Road in the Town of Gordon, Douglas County. The boat restriction area will be in place from commencement of construction, 2026, to the completion of the St Croix River Bridge project, WisDOT Project #8386-00-02/72.

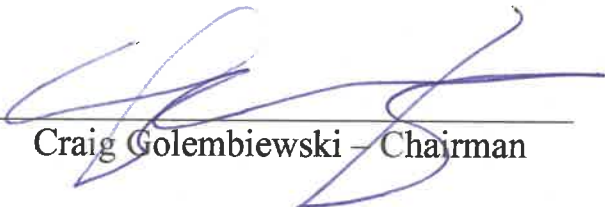
SECTION VII - POSTING REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Gordon shall place and maintain a synopsis of this Ordinance at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Town of Gordon, Douglas County, pursuant to the requirements of NR 5.15, Wis. Adm. Code.


SECTION VIII - EFFECTIVE DATE

This will become effective upon its publication.

Passed by majority vote of the Town Board on April 14, 2026.

  
Craig Golembiewski – Chairman

  
Cody Eagle – Supervisor

  
Shawn Germann – Supervisor

  
Attest: Denise Wohlber - Clerk