

# THE LAKE NORMAN MARINE COMMISSION

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## NO-WAKE ZONE/ BUOY PLACEMENT APPLICATION POLICY

1. Upon receipt of a No-Wake Zone/ Buoy Placement Application and the \$250.00 non-refundable fee, the application will be reviewed by the Lake Norman Marine Commission (LNMC) staff and sent to the Buoy Review Committee (See Below: No-Wake Zone/ Buoy Placement Application Review Committee). In the event an application is deemed to be incomplete, LNMC staff will return the application to the applicant for additional information. If the application cannot be completed, the fee will be returned to the applicant. Applications may take approximately 10 - 12 months to be fully approved and entered into the North Carolina Administrative Code (N.C.A.C.). Completed applications will be made available to the public and posted on the LNMC website.
2. If the Buoy Committee determines that no further review by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) is necessary, the application will be forwarded to the LNMC with a recommendation for approval/ disapproval within 30 days of receipt of a completed application. The LNMC may schedule the application for a public hearing and consideration by the Commissioners. If a public hearing is scheduled, the applicant may conduct a public presentation on the date the application is scheduled for consideration by the LNMC.
3. If the Buoy Review Committee determines that further consideration by NCWRC is needed, the LNMC will make application for further review to NCWRC within 30 days of receipt of a completed application.
4. After completion of its review, the NCWRC will return its findings and recommendation to the LNMC Buoy Review Committee.
5. The LNMC Buoy Review Committee will (a) review the NCWRC findings and recommendation; and, (b) schedule the associated No-Wake Buoy Application for consideration by the LNMC within 30 days of receipt of the NCWRC review and recommendation. The applicant may conduct a public presentation on the date the application is scheduled for consideration.
6. If the application is recommended for approval by NCWRC, and approved by LNMC, LNMC will request that NCWRC have the No Wake Zone entered into the N.C.A.C. NCWRC begins the rulemaking process for applications in the months of August and December. LNMC must submit applications for rulemaking at least 30 days prior to an NCWRC scheduled hearing in August or December in order to be considered during the next NCWRC rulemaking period. The NCWRC

rulemaking period takes approximately 6-8 months from the time NCWRC approves beginning the rulemaking process in August and December. LNMC will give public notice that application for rulemaking will be made to NCWRC. LNMC will pass a resolution requesting rulemaking by NCWRC for each application.

7. If the application is entered into the N.C.A.C. and/ or approved by the LNMC, the applicant agrees to purchase and have installed, by an approved Lake Norman Marine Commission contractor, the "No Wake" buoy(s) according to specifications and requirements provided by the Lake Norman Marine Commission.
8. Applicant(s) agree(s) to be responsible for necessary maintenance and/or replacement of buoys, and if for any reason such buoy(s) is/are displaced from the original approved location, moved back into the proper position, it is understood if proper maintenance or re-positioning does not occur within one month of notification, that the Lake Norman Marine Commission may remove the out of position buoys.
9. If the application is denied by LNMC, the applicant may reapply after one-year from the decision date indicated on the application.

#### **NO-WAKE ZONE/ BUOY PLACEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

A three-member No-Wake Zone/ Buoy Placement Application Review Committee established by the LNMC is charged with the duty of determining if an application requires further review by law enforcement. The committee members are appointed to three-year terms. The term lengths are to remain staggered so that one member of the committee is reappointed/ replaced annually during LNMC's first meeting of the calendar year. The initial appointments were made during LNMC February 2022 meeting as follows:

Chair: three-year appointment (Wilson)  
Member 2: two-year appointment (Fox)  
Member 3: one-year appointment (Beroth)