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3 **ORDINANCE: Amend Winnebago County General Code Section 19.24(11)(b) and (d) to**
4 **Include a Three-County Annual Boat Landing Trailer Parking Permit at**
5 **County-Owned Boat Launches on Lake Winnebago**
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7 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Parks Department has operated public boat launches at the Black Wolf,
10 Osh-O-Nee, and Asylum Point properties for many years; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 2013 Winnebago County sold 1,498 boat landing trailer parking stickers and approximately
12 15,792 daily permits that in turn generated \$132,510 in revenue, which is to be reinvested in the County Park
13 System, specifically, for boating facilities at the seven County-owned launch sites; and

14 **WHEREAS**, over the past year, counties around Lake Winnebago worked together on Weigh-In on the
15 Winnebago, a multi-governmental and private effort to reach out to the public around the Winnebago system on ways
16 to better take care of the system; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the three big outcomes of the outreach effort are to address algae blooms, polluted runoff, and
18 invasive species, all large scale issues requiring an extensive period of time and dollars to address; and

19 **WHEREAS**, a number of smaller but still important outcomes of the outreach effort include establishing a
20 universal boat launch permit for public boat launches around Lake Winnebago; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the counties of Calumet, Fond du Lac, and Winnebago have reached an agreement to establish
22 a three-county annual boat landing trailer parking permit for 2014, which is essentially a boat launch permit that the
23 three counties will sell in addition to the permit programs already established within each of the three counties; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the three-county annual boat landing trailer parking permit will be sold by all three counties with
25 the county issuing the permit retaining the proceeds of the permit sale.
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that Winnebago
28 County partner with Calumet County and Fond du Lac County to establish a \$50 three-county annual boat landing
29 trailer parking permit at Black Wolf, Osh-O-Nee, and Asylum Point boat landings starting in 2014..
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31 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the following
32 amendments be made to Section 19.24(11)(b) and (d) of the General Code of Winnebago County:

33 **19.24 FEES AND CHARGES**
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35 **(11) BOAT LANDING TRAILER PARKING PERMIT FEES.**
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37 (b) Annual permits. Annual permits shall be valid from ~~March 31~~ **the date of** issuance through ~~March 30~~
38 **December 31** of the following ~~same~~ calendar year. Multi-year permits shall be valid for three (3) years from the date
39 of issuance through ~~March 30~~ **December 31** of the third ~~calendar~~ year after issuance. Annual and multi-year
40 permits shall be sold through the Parks Department and/or other outlets as are designated by the Director of Finance
41 for Winnebago County.
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43 (d) Fees. The **THREE-COUNTY ANNUAL BOAT LANDING TRAILER PARKING PERMIT valid at Black**
44 **Wolf, Osh-O-Nee, and Asylum Point Boat Landings, shall be \$50.00.** The WINNEBAGO COUNTY ANNUAL
45 BOAT LANDING TRAILER PARKING PERMIT shall be \$25.00 for residents, \$20 for senior residents age 55 years
46 or older, and \$90.00 for non-residents.
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48 **Fiscal Note:** This Ordinance does not require an appropriation from the County General Fund. It is extremely difficult
49 to determine the fiscal impact of this new launch fee. It appears that there were 173 residents from
50 Fond du Lac County and 4 residents from Calumet County who purchased a Winnebago County Boat
51 Landing Parking Permit in 2013. Additionally, 15 residents from Winnebago County purchased a
52 Fond du Lac County sticker, and Calumet County recorded no sticker purchases from Winnebago
53 County residents in 2013. The impact on fee collections is unknown at this time. Staff and Committee
54 members will evaluate the impact of this new launch fee at the end of the boating season and make a
55 recommendation on an extension or elimination of the three-county season permit beyond 2014.

56 Submitted by:

57 **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

58 Committee Vote: **5-0**

59 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

60 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of _____, 2014.
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64 Mark L Harris
65 Winnebago County Executive