

**AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 49**  
CITY OF COHASSET  
COUNTY OF ITASCA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF HOUSEBOATS AND  
OTHER LIVE-A-BOARD WATERCRAFT AND THE LICENSING OF RELATED  
MOORING FACILITIES

**Section 1. Definitions.**

**Houseboat.** A watercraft with hard walls and hard roof of any length with live-a-board capability, including without limitation sleeping, cooking, toilet or other features which make it capable for passengers to live aboard the watercraft.

**Live-a-board watercraft.** Any other watercraft with live-a-board capability, including without limitation sleeping, cooking, toilet or other features which make it capable for passengers to live aboard the watercraft.

**Moor.** Any containment of free-floating watercraft that provides a fixed fastening for the watercraft to the shore or near the shore in a mooring facility under the prevailing weather conditions.

**Mooring facility.** A concentrated area intended for the storing, mooring or containment of one (1) or more houseboats or other live-a-board watercraft on shore or by docks, mooring buoys, or other authorized means. A mooring facility shall extend from the area defined by the boundary lines of the shoreline property and that area extended into the public waters for a distance of a minimum of one hundred (100) feet on any public water body; provided however, that in the event that the subject shoreline property has a defined side setback for the applicable zoning district, the setback line of the shoreline property and as extended into the public waters shall govern.

**Person.** Any human being.

**Section 2. State Law Adopted.** The provisions of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 86B, with reference to the definition of terms, conditions or operation, restrictions and provisions relating to the use and operation of watercraft and the use of public waters are adopted and made a part of this Ordinance as if set forth in full.

**Section 3. Basic Prohibition.** No person shall use any shoreline property or any area of a lake located within the city limits of the City of Cohasset for the mooring of houseboats or live-a-board watercraft, unless such use is specifically permitted and licensed under the provisions of this Ordinance and the watercraft has a State approved sewage treatment and disposal system.

**Section 4. Mooring.** No person who is the owner of any shoreline property within the City shall moor, or permit any other person to moor, any houseboat or other live-a-board watercraft without having the watercraft properly secured to the shore, dock, mooring buoy or other City authorized structure located in the mooring facility. Any such property owner, who owns a single shoreline lot, and any adjacent or adjoining shoreline lots, which must be aggregated for the purposes of

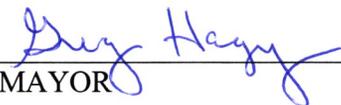
this Ordinance, shall have the right to moor no more than one (1) houseboat or live-a-bound watercraft in the related mooring facility at any one time; provided that no more than one (1) additional houseboat or live-a-board watercraft may be moored for up to fourteen (14) consecutive days or a maximum of thirty (30) days in a calendar year; and provided further that, in the event that such property owner has four hundred feet (400') or more of shoreline, the owner may moor one (1) additional houseboat or live-a-board watercraft in the related mooring facility at any one time. As set forth above, no more than three (3) houseboats or live-a-board watercraft, or combination thereof, may be moored in the related mooring facility at any one time. A permit is not required for the mooring of the first houseboat or live-a-board watercraft, but the mooring of any additional watercraft shall require a permit approved and issued, without charge, by the City Council or their designee in connection with the licensing of the mooring facility as set forth in Section 5 below.

**Section 5. Licensing of Mooring Facility.** No person shall operate, carry on, or be engaged in the mooring, anchoring, keeping or storing of houseboats or other live-a-board watercraft in a mooring facility within the city limits without first obtaining a license from the City. Any person desiring such a license shall make application in writing to the City, which application shall be signed by the applicant and filed with the City Clerk or City Council Designee. The application shall set forth the name and residence of the applicant and the exact location at which the applicant proposes to have a mooring facility. The application shall be accompanied by a sketch of the proposed facilities, including the location and type of dock, buoy, or other means to be used to moor the houseboat or other live-a-board watercraft, and a statement outlining the manner, extent and degree of use contemplated. The City Clerk or City Council Designee shall present the application to the City Council at its next regular meeting after the filing thereof. The City Council shall regularly establish any related licensing fees, if any, at its organizational meeting of each calendar year.

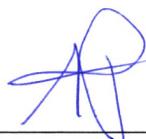
**Section 6. Violations and Enforcement.** Any owner of shoreline property or other person that violates any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor. The penalty which may be imposed for any crime which is a misdemeanor under this Ordinance, including Minnesota Statutes specifically adopted by reference, shall be a jail sentence of not more than ninety (90) days, or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 631.48, as it may be amended from time to time, the costs of prosecution may be added. A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during which a violation occurs or continues. In addition to any penalties provided for in this Section, if any person, firm or corporation fails to comply with any provision of this Ordinance, the City Council or any City official designated by it, may institute appropriate proceedings at law or in equity to restrain, correct or abate the violation.

Dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019

APPROVED

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

