



BUFFALO CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING AGENDA

Meeting: Monday, June 30, 2025

Place: Buffalo City Center

Time: 5:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. RESOLUTION 2025-19: RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE EMERGENCY SLOW NO WAKE DECLARATION FOR LAKE PULASKI**
- 3. RESOLUTION 2025-20: RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE EMERGENCY SLOW NO WAKE DECLARATION FOR BUFFALO LAKE**
- 4. ADJOURN**



RESOLUTION 2025-19

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE EMERGENCY SLOW-NO-WAKE DECLARATION FOR LAKE PULASKI

WHEREAS, On **June 30, 2025**, the Mayor and City Administrator signed an Emergency Declaration ("Emergency Declaration No. 2025 - 01") establishing a slow-no-wake restriction within six hundred (600) feet of the shoreline of **Lake Pulaski** pursuant to Minnesota Rules 6110.300 – 6110-3800; and

WHEREAS, said declaration was issued because the lake level exceeded **966.5 feet**, posing imminent erosion and safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, the declaration was properly posted at public access sites, published on the City's website, and transmitted to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Wright County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules 6110.300 – 6110-3800 permits such a declaration for up to thirty (30) days and authorizes the governing body to ratify or extend the restriction as necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Ratification.** The City Council hereby ratifies and affirms Emergency Declaration No. 2025 – 01 in its entirety.
2. **Duration.** The slow-no-wake restriction shall remain in effect through **July 30, 2025**, unless earlier terminated upon confirmation that the water level has receded below 966.5 feet or otherwise no longer poses a hazard.
3. **Extension Authority.** If high-water conditions persist, City staff are directed to prepare an ordinance or subsequent resolution, with DNR approval as required, to extend or modify the restriction beyond the initial thirty (30) day period.
4. **Enforcement.** The Wright County Sheriff's Office and all state and local enforcement agencies are requested to enforce the restriction.

Passed and adopted by the Buffalo City Council this 30th day of June 2025.

ATTEST:

Brad Dahl, Acting Mayor

Taylor Gronau, City Administrator

CITY OF BUFFALO, MN
EMERGENCY DECLARATION NO. 2025 – 01
SLOW-NO-WAKE RESTRICTION – LAKE PULASKI

WHEREAS, as of June 30, 2025, the water level of **Lake Pulaski** (DNR Public Water I.D. 86005300) has exceeded an elevation of **966.5** feet, creating shoreline erosion hazards and threats to public safety and property; and

WHEREAS, immediate action is necessary to protect life, property, and the environment pending City Council consideration of a longer-term measure should high-water conditions persist;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Minnesota Rules 6110.300 – 6110-3800 the undersigned hereby declare:

1. **Slow-No-Wake Zone Established.** A slow-no-wake restriction of **five (5) miles per hour** is imposed on all motorized watercraft operating within **six hundred (600) feet** of any shoreline on **Lake Pulaski**.
2. **Effective Date and Duration.** This declaration is effective upon signing and posting on June 30, 2025, and shall remain in effect until Lake Pulaski reaches an elevation of 966.00 feet; or for a maximum of thirty (30) days unless terminated earlier or extended by formal action of the Buffalo City Council and approval of the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
3. **Public Notice.** The City Administrator is directed to:
 1. Post conspicuous notices of this restriction at all public water-access sites and on the City's official website and social media channels;
 2. Notify the Wright County Sheriff's Office and the MN DNR as soon as practicable; and
 3. Provide a copy of this declaration to local media outlets and affected lake-association representatives.
4. **Enforcement.** The Wright County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the enforcement of the declaration.
5. **Exemptions.** Law enforcement and public safety personnel are exempt from the requirements of this declaration.
6. **Ratification.** The City Administrator shall place this declaration on the next available City Council agenda for ratification or other council action.

Adopted by the undersigned this 30th day of June 2025.


Steve Downer, Mayor


Taylor Gronau, City Administrator



RESOLUTION 2025-20

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE EMERGENCY SLOW-NO-WAKE DECLARATION FOR BUFFALO LAKE

WHEREAS, on **June 30, 2025**, the Mayor and City Administrator signed an Emergency Declaration ("Emergency Declaration No. 2025 - 02") establishing a slow-no-wake restriction within six hundred (600) feet of the shoreline of **Buffalo Lake** pursuant to Minnesota Rules 6110.300 – 6110-3800; and

WHEREAS, said declaration was issued because the lake level exceeded **917.00 feet**, posing imminent erosion and safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, the declaration was properly posted at public access sites, published on the City's website, and transmitted to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Wright County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules 6110.300 – 6110-3800 permits such a declaration for up to thirty (30) days and authorizes the governing body to ratify or extend the restriction as necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Ratification.** The City Council hereby ratifies and affirms Emergency Declaration No. 2025 – 02 in its entirety.
2. **Duration.** The slow-no-wake restriction shall remain in effect through **July 30, 2025**, unless earlier terminated upon confirmation that the water level has receded below 916.50 feet or otherwise no longer poses a hazard.
3. **Extension Authority.** If high-water conditions persist, City staff are directed to prepare an ordinance or subsequent resolution, with DNR approval as required, to extend or modify the restriction beyond the initial thirty (30) day period.
4. **Enforcement.** The Wright County Sheriff's Office and all state and local enforcement agencies are requested to enforce the restriction.

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Brad Dahl, Acting Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Taylor Gronau, City Administrator

CITY OF BUFFALO, MN
EMERGENCY DECLARATION NO. 2025 – 02
SLOW-NO-WAKE RESTRICTION – BUFFALO LAKE

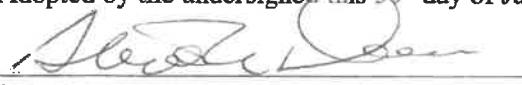
WHEREAS, as of June 30, 2025, the water level of **Buffalo Lake** (DNR Public Water I.D. 86009000) has exceeded an elevation of **917.00** feet, creating shoreline erosion hazards and threats to public safety and property; and

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