



Fiscal Note Review of  
Proposed Wildlife Resources Commission No-Wake Zone Rule  
15A NCAC 10F .0347

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Impact: State Government: No  
Local Government: Yes  
Substantial Impact: No

Authority: G.S. 75A-3: 75A-15

The proposed permanent amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0347 (see Appendix 1) establishes one no wake zone on a portion of Slocum Creek in the City of Havelock, Craven County.

The City of Havelock made formal application to the Wildlife Resources Commission requesting a no wake zone on a portion of Slocum Creek shore to shore, beginning at the boat ramp at the U.S. 70 bridge northeast for a distance of approximately 1,650 feet (see Appendix 2).

The Commission reviewed the application and believes that the no wake zone is necessary to mitigate safety hazards created by motorboats entering and exiting a portion of Slocum Creek northeast of the boat ramp. The City of Havelock is building a kayak/canoe launch northeast of the ramp. Paddle boat enthusiasts in these narrow and winding waters, with limited sight lines in the highlighted area of Slocum Creek, create the need to reduce motorboat speeds in the area.

The City of Havelock will mark the no wake zone and purchase the buoys at a one-time cost of no more than \$2,000.

**State Impact Analysis:** None.

**Local Impact Analysis:** The City of Havelock will purchase and place the buoys to mark the no wake zone, at a one-time cost of no more than \$2,000. Given the type of buoys generally used, there is little to no time needed to maintain the buoys; and their life expectancy is about 10 years. Therefore, the City of Havelock assumes no additional costs in the following few years unless the buoys are lost or stolen. Responsibility for replacement rests with the City or its designee. Any no wake zone must be correctly marked in order for the no wake zone to be enforceable.

**Substantial Economic Impact:** While the benefit would be an increase in safety, there would be no substantial economic impact to the public.

# APPENDIX 1

## 15A NCAC 10F .0347 CRAVEN COUNTY

(a) Regulated Areas. This Rule applies to the following waters in Craven County:

- (1) that portion of Northwest Creek between the entrance buoys at Fairfield Harbour Marina and the mouth of Spring Creek, and to all of Spring Creek, including the bulkheaded area of Fairfield Harbour, in Craven County;
- (2) that area of water between the entrance buoys of the Olde Towne Lake, from the Trent River and including all of Olde Towne Lake and the bulkhead area of Olde Towne Harbour itself;
- (3) Matthews Point Marina. That triangular portion within 300 feet on either side and 150 feet straight off of the main pier at Matthews Point Marina located on Clubfoot and Mitchell Creeks, at the end of SR 1711 in the Harlowe area of Craven County;
- (4) that area of water within 50 yards of the fuel dock at Eastern Carolina Yacht Club Club.
- (5) that portion of Slocum Creek in the City of Havelock, shore to shore east of a line from a point on the northern shore at 34.89122 N, 76.92302 W to a point on the southern shore at 34.89102 N, 76.92304 W and extending northeast, shore to shore to a line from a point on the northern shore at 34.8937 N, 76.92109 W to a point on the southeast shore at 34.89358 N, 76.92089 W.

(b) Speed Limit. No person shall operate any vessel at greater than no-wake speed within the regulated areas described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(c) Green Springs Boys Club Swimming Area - No person shall operate a vessel within the Green Springs Boys Club Swimming Area along the Neuse River as designated by marker buoys and float lines.

(d) Placement and Maintenance of Markers. The Board of Commissioners of Craven County is hereby designated a suitable agency for placement and maintenance of the markers implementing ~~this Rule, Subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this Rule,~~ subject to the approval of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

(e) The City of Havelock is hereby designated a suitable agency for placement and maintenance of the markers implementing Subparagraph (5) of this Rule, subject to the approval of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15;  
Eff. August 1, 1984;  
Amended Eff. December 1, 1990; October 1, 1989; June 1, 1989;  
Temporary Amendment Eff. April 1, 1998;  
Amended Eff. July 1, 2016; July 1, 1998.*

## APPENDIX 2

15A NCAC 10F .0347 (a) (5) No Wake Zone - Proposed  
Southwest Prong Slocum Creek, City of Havelock, Craven County

