AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, amending certain sections of Chapter, 4.06, of the Kent City Code entitled "Boating Regulations" relating to boating activities.

WHEREAS, the City Council recently adopted Chapter 4.06 of the Kent City Code (Ordinance No. 3248 as amended by Ordinance No. 3280) establishing regulations for boating activities within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it appropriate to make certain revisions relating to swimming and boating restrictions; NOW THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 4.06.170 of the Kent City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4.06.170. Swimming - Lake Meridian.

A. Swimming in the waters of the City Lake Meridian shall be confined to:
A1. Restricted swimming areas, or
B2. To within a distance of fifty feet from the shore, or a pier except when the swimmer is accompanied by a watercraft relative to water skiing or related watercraft activities.

B. Use of inflatable flotation or similar devices, not propelled by instruments such as oars and paddles, including, but not limited to tubes, boards and inflatable rafts, are only allowed within a distance of fifty feet from shore in non-designated swimming areas.

C. No person shall cause to be tied to any marker buoy, any watercraft, boat or similar craft or flotation device such as a tube, board or inflatable raft.

D. No person shall give or transmit a false signal or false alarm of drowning in any manner.

E. The Director of Parks and Recreation may establish the hours for lifeguard supervised swimming and may establish rules and regulations for use within or adjacent to designated swim areas.

SECTION 2. Section 4.06.290 of the Kent City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4.06.290. Directing traffic, restricting watercraft speed, suspending activities, emergency powers.

A. The police are hereby authorized to direct all watercraft traffic on Lake Meridian either in person or by means
of visible or audible signal in conformance with the provisions of this chapter; provided, that where necessary to expedite watercraft traffic, or to prevent or eliminate congestion or to safeguard persons or property, such officers and other authorized officers of appropriate governmental agencies or authorities, may direct watercraft traffic as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter.

B. The Parks Director, or his or her designee, may restrict watercraft speed or suspend any or all watercraft activities on Lake Meridian due to natural disasters such as flooding, or other events, when, in the discretion of the Parks Director, such is deemed necessary to protect persons or property from injury or damage.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.
SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

JIM WHITE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROGER A. LUBOVICH, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED __16___ day of __April___, 1996.

APPROVED __18___ day of __April___, 1996.

PUBLISHED __19___ day of __April___, 1996.
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 3291, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

[Signature]
BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK

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