

ORDINANCE 583

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC USE OF CITY-OWNED DOCKS ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TO AMEND THE BUFFALO MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING A NEW SECTION _____ TO CHAPTER _____

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO, IOWA:

Section 1. Purpose

To establish rules for safe, accessible, and responsible use of city-owned docks along the Mississippi River, in alignment with Iowa DNR regulations.

Section 2. Applicability

Applies to all users of public docks within Buffalo city limits.

Section 3. Dock Use Regulations

- **No overnight mooring or parking of watercraft**
- **Prohibited activities:** camping, sleeping, loitering, fueling, waste disposal, commercial activity, swimming/diving, alcohol consumption, amplified music, or disruptive behavior
- **Conduct requirements:** children under 12 must be with an adult; pets leashed; fishing allowed if it doesn't block access; ramps and tie-offs must remain clear
- **Unloading zone:** marked in yellow near the boat ramp; short-term use only for loading/unloading, brief tie-off, and vehicle parking; max use 15 minutes to maintain flow

Section 4. Enforcement

Violations constitute a municipal infraction. Rules will be posted at all dock access points.

Readings and Adoption

- First Reading: September 8, 2025
- Second Reading: October 13, 2025
- Third & Final Reading: November 10, 2025
- Date of Publication: _____

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its publication as provided by law. The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this ordinance in accordance with Iowa law.

Signatures

Mayor:

Sally Rodriguez

Attest: City Clerk:

Tanna Leonard
