

NO WAKE COVE OR ZONE RESTRICTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Who may apply for a no wake cove or zone restriction?

A property owner, business owner, or condominium/homeowner association may apply for a no wake cove or zone. The Missouri Code of State Regulations (CSR's) dictates the criteria for such restrictions. Generally, if the width of the waterway is more than 400 feet, it will not be considered for a no wake cove or zone unless the boating traffic is disproportionate to areas of similar size on the same body of water, or boat accident data justifies such a restriction. If docks are present in the proposed area, the width of the waterway will be measured from dock to dock (not shoreline to shoreline). Seventy-five percent of the property owners in the affected area must approve of the proposal by signing a petition provided by the applicant.

What is the process to apply for a no wake cove or zone restriction?

An application must be submitted using the application form located on the Water Patrol Division website:

<http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/WaterPatrol/buoyInformation.html>

An application can be printed off or be filled out online by creating a user ID and password. The application must be submitted to the Water Patrol Division at least 45 days prior to the public hearing date. The application deadline date and public hearing dates can be viewed at the webpage below:

http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/WaterPatrol/Buoy/appDeadline_HearingDates.html

What is required other than the application?

The application lists other supporting documents that must be submitted along with the application. Those documents include, but are not limited to:

1. A diagram and plot map of the proposed no wake area. These two items may be submitted separately, or combined. See a sample diagram/plot map at the webpage below:

<http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/WaterPatrol/buoyInformation.html>

2. Petitions from property owners in the affected area. If a petition is not received from a property owner, that will be considered a no vote. See a sample petition at the webpage below:

<http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/WaterPatrol/buoyInformation.html>

3. A buoy line approval letter from any property owner with a permitted dock at the proposed buoy line, or within 100' outside of the proposed buoy line, due to the potential for additional boat wakes from boats entering or exiting the no wake area. See a sample buoy line approval letter at the webpage below:

<http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/WaterPatrol/buoyInformation.html>

What is the process once my application and supporting documents are submitted?

Each application is investigated by a local marine trooper and heard at a public hearing. The public hearings are conducted in November, January, March, and May.

Is the applicant required to attend the public hearing?

The applicant is not required to attend the public hearing, but may want to contact the Water Patrol Division the week prior to the hearing to determine the status of their application. In some cases, the applicant's testimony at the public hearing may be necessary and potentially beneficial to the approval of your application.

Are property owners or boaters allowed to testify at the public hearing, if they do not own property in the affected area?

Yes. In some cases, property owners or boaters who do not live in the proposed no wake area, are affected by it. Any person may attend and testify at the public buoy hearing. Input received at the public hearing will be considered by the Water Patrol Division's Buoy Committee.