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Mr. Mike Kowall, Supervisor White Lake Township 7525 Highland Road White Lake, MI 48383

Re: White Lake

**Ordinance Enforcement** 

Dear Mr. Kowall:

You asked that I reduce the discussions of last week's meeting with the White Lake Citizen's League to writing, to ensure that all interested parties have the same understanding about White Lake Township's position.

White Lake Township Ordinance No. 119 authorizes the White Lake Township Police Department to tag, and take into custody a boat which is registered with the State of Michigan to someone other than the property owner where the boat is docked and has remained on that property for a period of 72 consecutive hours. However, as the Chief explained, White Lake Township does not have the resources to take boats into custody. Therefore, the following procedure will be followed in the event enforcement is necessary:

- 1. The individual, who witnesses a boat on property not belonging to them, shall contact the White Lake Township Police Department to report the boat. It is important to note that the witness must be prepared to testify in court if necessary.
- 2. The Police Department will take an incident report, noting the date and time the vehicle is observed by the officer.
- 3. The Police Department will then determine the lawful owner of the vehicle and notify him/her that the vehicle is on White Lake unlawfully. The officer will notify the owner that if the vehicle is not removed, it will be towed at the owner's expense.
- 4. If after 72 hours of the filing of the incident report, the vehicle has not been removed, the Police Department shall tag the vehicle with a 48 hour sticker.
- 5. If after 48 hours, the vehicle is not removed, the Ordinance Enforcement Officer shall issue a municipal civil infraction citation for a violation of Ordinance 119.

6. The Ordinance Enforcement Officer must properly serve the citation on the owner of the boat and file a copy with the 52-2 District Court, along with a copy of the police department incident report for prosecution.

Please note, as we discussed, currently the Township's enforcement ability is limited to paragraph 12 of the Ordinance. If additional regulations are requested, the Ordinance details the procedure that must be taken.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Very truly yours,

ADKISON, NEED & ALLEN, P.L.L.C.

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