

***City Council Memorandum***

To: Mayor Fasbender & City Council Members

From: David D. Wilske, Chief of Police

Date: April 3rd, 2023

Item: Mississippi River No-Wake Zone

Council Action Requested:

None. Informational only

Background Information:

The Mississippi River runs through the City of Hastings and is the boundary between Washington County and Dakota County. There are approximately 1.2 miles of shoreline that is considered within the boundary of Hastings that is currently not designated as a no-wake zone. Dakota County Sheriff's Office and Washington County Sheriff's office are not interested in having this stretch of river be a no-wake, but they are interested in reducing boat traffic to a no-wake during times of flood stage on the Mississippi River. The Sheriff's Departments would have to show an erosion issue and/or public safety issue to request a no-wake. The Sheriff's Departments have observed erosion issues when the river levels are high, but not at regular levels and neither department has observed a public safety issue and therefore will not support a standing no-wake zone for this portion of river.

Financial Impact:

None

Advisory Commission Discussion:

None

Council Committee Discussion:

None

Attachments:

None