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**SUGAR ISLAND TOWNSHIP,
CHIPPEWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN
HIGH WATER MARK ORDINANCE**

SECTION I: Short Title. This ordinance may be known and referred to as the Sugar Island Township High Water Mark Ordinance.

SECTION II: Background. The ordinary high-water mark shall be at the following elevations above sea level, international Great Lakes datum of 1955: Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, is 579.8 feet. Over time, datum's may be obscured or hidden. If the actual datum location is difficult to identify or establish, individual property owners or their representatives, are required to determine the legal setback for new structures placed on or near the shoreline.

SECTION III: Usage. This datum is used to determine setbacks from the shoreline for the placement of an actual or proposed structure.

SECTION IV: Alternative to Datum. The ordinary high-water mark shall be at the following elevations above sea level, international Great Lakes datum of 1955: Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, is 579.8 feet **"or the elevation of the surface of each lake during calm water, whichever is higher"**.

SECTION V: Using the Alternative. If the **"elevation of the surface of each lake during calm water"** is used, the permit application must include:

- a. The name, address and telephone number of the property owner.
- b. The location of the proposed structure by address and legal description.
- c. A description of the purpose of the project.
- d. A detailed description of the location where the high-water measurements including the date and time when the measurements were taken and verified by the Township.
- e. A plan showing the project on an adequate scale.
- f. An up-to-date survey no older than 10 years.
- g. Other relevant information required by the Sugar Island Township.
- h. The name and signature of the Sugar Island Township's verifying individual (i.e., Sugar Island Township Code Compliance Administrator, his/her assistant, or the Township Supervisor).

SECTION VI: Relevant Dates. This application period is 14 calendar days. The processing period is 28 calendar days.

SECTION VII: Insurance. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as a property damage liability option that provides property owners financial protection if a participating resident negligently builds too close to the shore resulting from water damage.

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SECTION VIII: Penalty.

- a. The Township will assess a penalty of \$500 to property owners that build or alter structures inside the limit of 75 feet from the shoreline, in accordance with the Township's current Zoning Ordinance.
- b. The Township's Zoning Compliance Permit (\$60 fee) must be provided to the Township's Code Compliance official(s) prior to construction or alterations being initiated. A \$500, after-the-fact fee shall be assessed to the property owner if the alteration or construction occurred prior to the Township's Code Compliance official's approval of a Zoning Compliance Permit application.

SECTION IX: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days from the Township's approval. All Township ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this document are hereby repealed.


The foregoing ordinance offered by Treasurer Brown.

Supported by Clerk Behm.

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted "Aye" or "Nay"

	Aye:	Nay:
Ben Repa, <i>Trustee</i>	<u>Abs</u>	_____
Kathy Noble, <i>Trustee</i>	<u>Abs</u>	_____
Brittany Behm, <i>Clerk</i>	<u>X</u>	_____
Mark Eitrem, <i>Supervisor</i>	<u>X</u>	_____
Jaci Brown, <i>Treasurer</i>	<u>X</u>	_____

I, Brittany Behm, the duly appointed Clerk of Sugar Island Township, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the township board of said township meeting of said board held on **June 13, 2023** at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said ordinance was ordered to take effect in 30 days (**July 13, 2023**).


Brittany Behm
Sugar Island Township Clerk

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