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The winter conditions of 2024-2025 have created above-average damage to shorelines in Waseca County and across much of southern Minnesota. Waseca County administers regulations above the OHWL on lakes within Waseca County. In the Waseca County Unified Development Code under 6.22 I-3.A and I 4, A-G we must issue Land Alteration/Erosion Sediment Control permits for topographic alterations within the shore impact zone. Waseca County staff realized the abnormal conditions and have consulted staff with the MN DNR to advise lake shore owners of what is allowed both above and below the OHWL. Lake shore owners will still apply and receive a Land Alteration/Erosion Sediment Control permit along with DNR guidance documents to repair ice ridges without the cost of either a public waters work permit or a land alteration/erosion sediment control permit if they stay within the permit and DNR guidance criteria.

Reports if ice ridge damage must be reported by June 15th, 2025, and repairs completed within the construction season of 2025. Residents must arrange for an on-site meeting with staff to document the scope of damage and repairs.

A Land Alteration permit will be issued along with guidance documents from the MN DNR for allowable activities below the ordinary high-water level.

This waiver of fees only applies to residents outside of City limits. The City of Waseca has its own shoreland ordinance and applicable rules.

Thank you,
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