CITY OF STOUGHTON, 381 E. Main Street, Stoughton, WI 53589

ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL			
Creating Section 58-14 of the Stoughton Municipal Code, relating to the prohibition of fishing in City owned storm water ponds that use mechanical aeration devices.			
Committee Action:	Public Works Committee recommends approval - 5 - 0		
Fiscal Impact:	None		
File Number:	O - 24 - 2023	**Date Introduced:**	July 25, 2023 August 8, 2023

The Common Council of the City of Stoughton do ordain as follows:

1. Section 58-14 of the Stoughton Municipal Code is created to read as follows:

Sec. 58-14. – Prohibition of Fishing in City Owned Storm Water Ponds.

No person shall fish, as defined by Wis. Stat. § 29.001(27), in any City owned storm water pond that uses aeration equipment, decorative fountains, or similar devices.

2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of publication.

Dates

Council Adopted:_____

Mayor Approved: _____ _____
Tim Swadley, Mayor

Published:_____

Attest:_____ _____
Candee Christen, City Clerk

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Date: July 13, 2023

To: City of Stoughton Alders

From: Brett Hebert

Subject: Storm Water Pond Aerators

Dear Alders,

Recently, an aerator at the Eastwood Pond was damaged to the point where it needs to be replaced. The technician discovered that there was fishing line that got intertwined in the shaft of the aerator propeller that led to a seal failure allowing water into the aerator housing causing a motor failure. This is not the first time that we have had issues with fishing line in one of our aerators.

To protect City infrastructure, I would like to propose language that would forbid fishing in ponds that have mechanical devices placed in them for water quality purposes. The proposed language, under Chapter 58 – Public Nuisances, would read:

> **Sec. 58-14. – Prohibition of Fishing in City Owned Storm Water Ponds.**
>
> No person shall fish, as defined by Wis. Stat. § 29.001(27), in any City owned storm water pond that uses aeration equipment, decorative fountains, or similar devices
>
> **Sec. 58-3. - Penalty.**
>
> Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter or permit or cause a public nuisance shall be subject to a forfeiture as provided in section 1-3.
>
> (Code 1986, § 10.08; Ord. No. 0-2-2022, § 1, 2-8-2022)

Essentially, this would impact the Eastwood Pond and the Rotary Park Pond. Please let me know your thoughts on this proposed ordinance language.

Regards,

Brett Hebert
Director of Public Works

Kasco
Submersible Pump