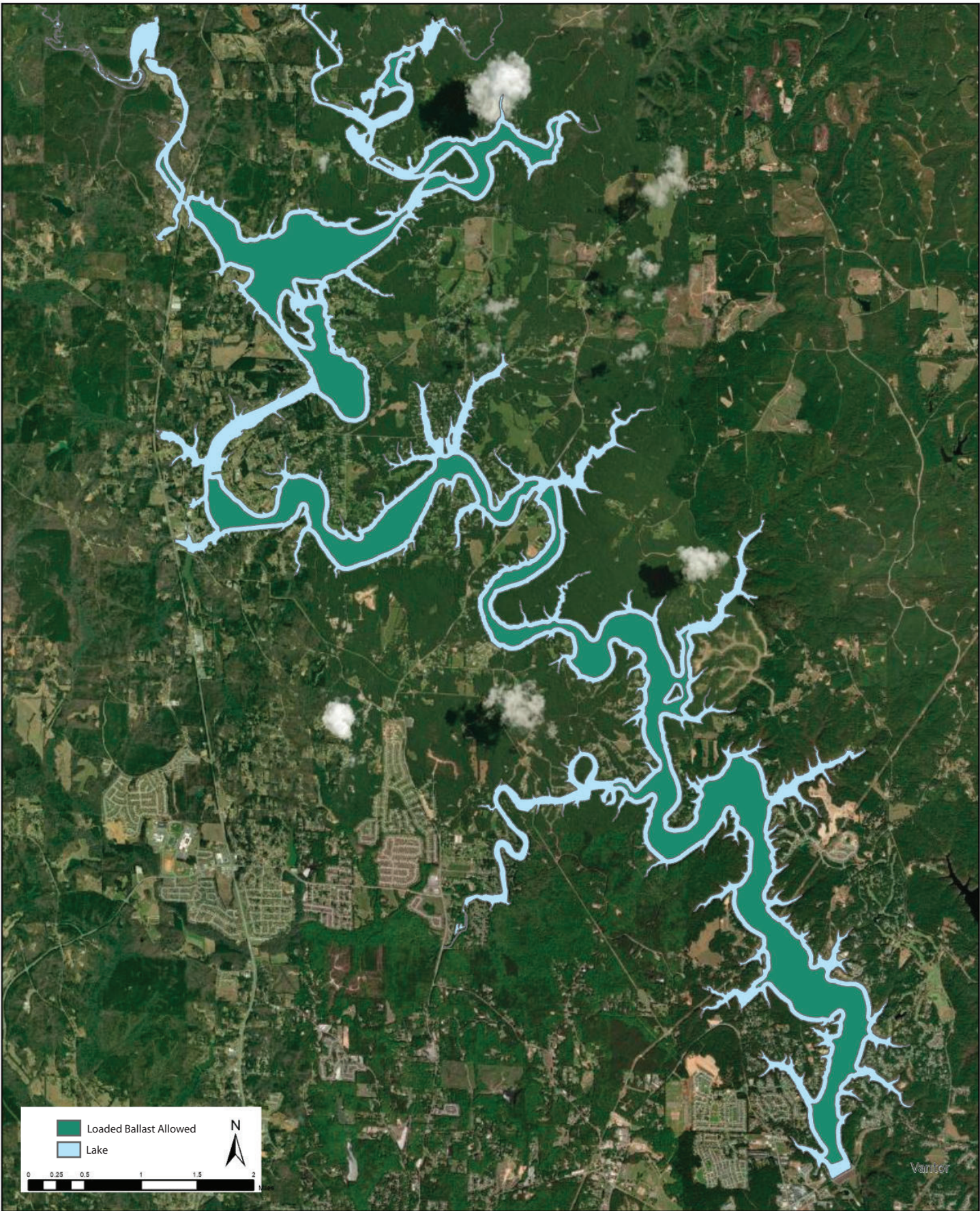


WAKE BALLAST RESTRICTIONS

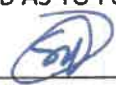


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LOCATIONS ALLOWING
BOAT OPERATIONS
WITH LOADED BALLAST

APPROVED AS TO FORM


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ORDINANCE NO. 9183

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 18-71, 18-72,
AND 18-82 OF THE CODE OF TUSCALOOSA

(OCA-25-1128)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TUSCALOOSA as follows:

SECTION ONE. That Section 18-71 of the Code of Tuscaloosa entitled "Definitions" is hereby amended to add Wake Boat in correct alphabetical order as follows:

Sec. 18-71. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply to this division:

Wake Boat. A specialized type of boat designed to create large wakes utilizing features such as ballast systems, hull design and wake shaping devices

SECTION TWO. That Section 18-72 of the Code of Tuscaloosa entitled "Rules of traffic" shall be amended to add items (23) and (24) as follows:

"Sec. 18-72. Rules of traffic.

- (23) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in boating activity prohibited by posted signs.
- (24) Within 100 feet from any shoreline, dock, pier, boathouse, other structure or designated areas shall operate at idle speed or no wake."

SECTION THREE. That Section 18-82 of the Code of Tuscaloosa is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 18-82 Prohibited areas of vessel operation with loaded ballast or wake shaping device.

- (a) An individual may not engage in operation of a vessel with loaded ballast or wake shaping device on Lake Tuscaloosa under any of the following conditions:


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