

ORDINANCE NO. 95-1

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE FORMER PARK AREAS AT THE SITE OF THE DAM ON LAKE D'ARBONNE.

WHEREAS, by the provisions of LSA-R.S. 38:2558(11) the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District have the care, management, and control of property owned by said Watershed District; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section (B) of said statute, it is empowered to make all police regulations necessary for the preservation of good order and the peace of the District, as well as to prevent injury to, destruction of, or interference with public or private property; and,

WHEREAS, § 2559 of said statute authorizes the Board of Commissioners to enforce such rules and regulations as it shall deem necessary and advisable in order to protect and preserve the works, improvements and property owned by the District, and to prescribe the manner of their use by public corporations and persons, and to preserve order within and adjacent thereto; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have now determined that the District can no longer adequately fund or otherwise provide acceptable camping facilities at park sites located on the North and South sides of the dam on Lake D'Arbonne; and,

WHEREAS, overnight camping facilities are now provided at the State Park located elsewhere on the lake; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners now conclude that it is in the best interest of the District and the public to discontinue certain activities previously permitted and to otherwise prescribe certain rules and regulations to maintain order and peace of the District in that area;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District in regular session convened:

§1. The following rules and regulations shall apply to all land owned by the Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District at the site of the dam on Lake D'Arbonne which includes the areas heretofore and generally referred to as park areas on both the North and South sides of the dam, which land is more particularly described as follows to wit:

DESCRIPTION

TRACT 1

A certain tract or parcel of land containing 29.50 Acres in Section 14, Township 20 North, Range 1 East, Union Parish, Louisiana being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 14, Township 20 North, Range 1 East, run East along the South line of Section 14 a distance of 990 feet to the point of beginning, then run North a distance of 200 feet and corner, then run North 89° - 48 minutes West a distance of 300 feet and corner, then run North a distance of 390 feet and corner, then run South 89° - 48 minutes East a distance of 2,280 feet and corner, then run South a distance of 590 feet to the South line of Section 14, then run Westerly along said Section line a distance of 1,980 feet to the point of beginning all as shown on Louisiana Department of Public Works Map File No. M-

1043-1, dated January, 1958, attached to deed by T. L. James & Company, Inc., to Board of Commissioners for the Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District dated October 1, 1958, of record in Conveyance Book 198, Page 306 of the records of Union Parish, Louisiana.

TRACT 2

A tract of land in Union Parish located in Section 23, Township 20 North, Range 1 East, Louisiana Meridian, containing 121.73 Acres, more or less, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the Northwest Corner of Section 23, T20N, R1E and run S 89° 48' E, along the North line of Section 23, 990 feet to the Point of Beginning. Thence continue along said Section line, S 89° 48' E 1980 feet to a point; thence South, 2640 feet to the Quarter-Section line; thence N 89° 48' W 2280 feet along said line to a point; thence North, 250 feet to a point; thence S 89° 48' E, 300 feet to a point; thence North, 2390 feet to the point of Beginning, containing 121.73 Acres, more or less, all as shown on State of Louisiana, Department of Public Works Map File No. F-1043-1, dated January 1958, and revised August 20, 1958, all as per deed by T. L. James & Company, Inc., et al, to Board of Commissioners for the Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District dated October 14, 1958 of record in Conveyance Book 199, Page 7, of the records of Union Parish, Louisiana.

both tracts, for the purpose of this ordinance hereinafter referred to as the "property"; said rules and regulations being as follows:

1. CAMPING. No overnight camping or otherwise, shall be permitted anywhere on the property.
2. CURFEW. No one shall be present on the property during hours of darkness (sunset to sunrise), except individuals loading and unloading boats and gaining access to vehicles parked on the ramp parking area.

3. LITTER AND SANITATION. No littering shall be allowed. It shall be unlawful to dump or deposit refuse in or around the property. All trash shall be deposited in proper garbage and trash containers provided for that purpose.

4. HORSEBACK RIDING. No person shall bring or have horses on the property.

5. VEHICLES. Only licensed motor vehicles shall be allowed. Off road vehicles are prohibited except for use by District or other law enforcement officials. Operation and parking of vehicles, including motorized bikes and bicycles, shall be restricted to parking areas and hard road surfaces. All vehicles, including bicycles of any type are prohibited in trail areas except those used by District employees or law enforcement officials. No person shall operate any motor vehicle, motorized bike, or bicycle in a careless, negligent, or reckless manner so as to endanger any person or property. Vehicles shall not be driven at a greater rate of speed than those shown on posted speed limit signs in the area.

6. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed on the property.

7. NOISE, IMPROPER CONDUCT. Loud, unnecessary noises or music and improper conduct shall not be permitted.

8. SWIMMING. Swimming shall be at the swimmer's risk.

9. DAMAGING PUBLIC PROPERTY. No person shall willfully injure, or destroy, or attempt to injure or destroy any kind of public structure, equipment or other public property.

§2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any person violating any of the above rules and regulations shall be forbidden to remain on the property and shall be subject to the penal provisions of LSA-R.S. 14:63.4.

§3. PURSUANT to LSA-R.S. 38:2565, the Sheriff of Union Parish shall enforce all the terms and provisions of the ordinance and, pursuant to Paragraph E of said Section, the District Attorney of Union Parish, Louisiana, shall prosecute all violations of the provisions of this ordinance.

§4. ANY PERSON OR PERSONS violating the foregoing rules and regulations shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned in the parish jail for not more than 30 days, or both.

§5. ALL ORDINANCES or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

§6. THIS ORDINANCE shall become effective on January 1, 1996.

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The above ordinance was introduced by Commissioner Hewitt Carter, who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robert Hanry, and after having been read and considered by sections, was adopted by sections and as a whole by the following Yea and Nay vote.

Yeas: Hewitt D. Carter

Robert D. Hanry

Troy L. Lowe

Nays: None

Absent: Rick D. Hill, Ginger Petrus, Cleo F. Foster

WHEREUPON, the ordinance was declared duly adopted this
21st day of November, 1995.

Ginger Petrus
Secretary

Robert G. Dawkins
President

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