

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO: 5304

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO: _____

COUNCIL SPONSOR: FALCONER/BRISTER

PROVIDED BY: CULTURE, RECREATION TOURISM

INTRODUCED BY: MR. STEFANCIK

SECONDED BY: MR. ARTIGUE

ON THE 6 DAY OF NOVEMBER , 2014

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. TAMMANY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 16, PARKS, RECREATION AND SCENIC NEIGHBORHOODS, ORDINANCE NO. 94-2024, SECTION 16-131.02 RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE TAMMANY TRACE.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance will revise and update the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16 Parks, Recreation and Scenic Neighborhoods Ordinance No. 94-2024 relative to the speed limit on the Tammany Trace; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the speed limit needs to be lowered due to the increase in traffic on the Tammany Trace.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16 Parks, Recreation and Scenic Neighborhoods Ordinance No. 16-131.02 be amended as follows:

SEC. 16-131.02 Rules and Regulations

The following are the approved rules and regulations established in connection with Tammany Trace:

General Rules:

Hours of Operation: Daily from 7:00 a.m. to dark.

Please stay on the appropriately marked trails. Pedestrians should stay on the west shoulder or to the right along each side of the trail. Slower traffic should stay to the right in each direction. Passing traffic should notify slower traffic that they are passing either by voice, horn, or bell.

Obey all federal, state, and local traffic laws. Laws will be strictly enforced in accordance with fines associated with violations.

Park only in designated areas. Unauthorized parking is subject to being towed and/or ticketed.

No trespassing on private property.

THE FOLLOWING IS PROHIBITED ON TAMMANY TRACE OR ITS FACILITIES:

-Alcohol

-Camping

-Fires

-Carrying or discharging of firearms or fireworks

-Use of glass containers

-Hunting

- Littering
- Pets on main trail
- Racing
- Unauthorized solicitation
- Swimming, wading or diving
- Unauthorized structures

Only authorized motorized vehicles are allowed on Tammany Trace.

Do not disturb plant vegetation. Tammany Trace traverses an environmentally sensitive area of St. Tammany Parish.

Handling of wildlife found on Tammany Trace is prohibited. Please contact Tammany Trace Ranger or appropriate parish authorities if there is a problem.

Specific Trail Rules:

Horses stay in assigned areas.

A Coggins test is required for horses using Tammany Trace.

Do not exceed ~~20~~ 15 MPH speed limit.

Horses must be kept at a walk in the area designated for horses on the main trail.

Helmets, knee pads, elbow and wrist guards are required for roller bladers.

Helmets are required for off-road biking (when such area has been constructed).

Obey all traffic signs along the trail.

Stay in designated areas only. Stay out of drainage ditches and other such structures not constructed for recreational purposes.

When you see hazard signs and reflective markings on the main trail, these signs denote possible danger areas. Move as close to the center of the trail as traffic will allow.

BRIDGE ETIQUETTE: ROLLER BLADERS YIELD TO CYCLIST; CYCLIST YIELD TO JOGGERS; JOGGERS YIELD TO WALKERS; WALKERS YIELD TO HORSES

Helmets for cyclists and horsemen are strongly recommended and encouraged. Ride at your own risk if no helmet is worn. St. Tammany Parish is not responsible for injuries resulting from lack of proper equipment, improperly maintained equipment, improperly used equipment, or improper or unsafe use of Tammany Trace facilities.

CONSTRUCTION:

Absolutely no one shall use areas designated either as "Under Construction" or signed as "No Trespassing". These areas are unsafe and are not open to the general public. Further only authorized personnel are allowed to enter these areas.

Tammany Trace is ADA accessible, and St. Tammany Parish encourages use of the Trail by all, regardless of race, creed, sex, ethnic origin or physical impairment.

Commissioned St. Tammany Parish Trace RANGERS ARE EMPOWERED TO PATROL THE TRACE, WRITE, AND ISSUE CITATIONS TO OFFENDERS.

REPEAL: All ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY: If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after adoption.

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREUPON THIS ORDINANCE WAS SUBMITTED TO A VOTE AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

THIS ORDINANCE WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON THE 4 DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO _____.

R. REID FALCONER, AIA, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

PATRICIA P. BRISTER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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Delivered to Parish President: _____, 2014 at _____

Returned to Council Clerk: _____, 2014 at _____

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT

The Tammany Trace is a multi-use path used by 300,000 parish residents and visitors annually. As the Trace's popularity continues to increase so has the number of users. It has become clear that the posted speed limit of 20 mph is no longer appropriate due the increase in traffic. In the interest of safety for all the users of the Trace, the speed limit will be reduced to 15 mph.