

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO. 4088

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 09-

SPONSORED BY: CRAWFORD-HOWELL

PREPARED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

INTRODUCED BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

ON THE 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 2009.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE II, WATERCRAFT SPEED LIMITS, TO ESTABLISH A "DEAD SLOW, NO WAKE" ZONE FOR A PORTION OF THE PEARL RIVER NAVIGATIONAL CANAL (WARD 6, DISTRICT 6).

WHEREAS, in the best interest of public safety, health and general welfare, it is deemed necessary to establish a no wake zone for a portion of the Pearl River Navigational Canal; and

WHEREAS, the proposed no wake zone was presented to the members of the Parish Waterway Safety Committee and no objections were made.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that it amends the Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Article II, Section 15-006.00, Watercraft Speed Limits, by adding a new subsection A (18) relative to the Pearl River Navigational Canal as follows, to-wit:

18. Pearl River Navigational Canal

a. A portion of the Canal beginning at a line across the Canal generally adjacent to the southern-most end of Hickory Fields Road and extending to a line across the Canal approximately 3,000 feet south from the point of beginning, and to encompass all of that portion of the Canal that narrows to a width of approximately 100 feet.

REPEAL: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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 immediately upon final adoption.

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____, SECONDED BY: _____

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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THIS ORDINANCE WAS DECLARED ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL ON THE 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 2009; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE
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JERRY BINDER, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

KEVIN DAVIS, PARISH PRESIDENT

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Mr. Dale Mackie
Mr. Reid Ingram

Re: Request to Establish No Wake Zone in the Pearl River Navigation Canal

Dear Sirs,

The St. Tammany Parish Council representative for District 6 has proposed the establishment of a "No Wake Zone" in the Pearl River Navigation Canal in the proximity of the Lazy J Campground at the end of Hickory Field Road. This proposal is generated in response to requests from some of the area property owners and residents.

Below is a basic report on the waterway included in this proposal. Please review the report and the attached information and provide your comments and recommendations back to this office within (14) days of the above date. Your responses will be summarized and included in a report to the Parish Administration and Parish Council for consideration with any proposed ordinance changes.

Pearl River Navigation Canal

This canal is a federally maintained commercial navigation project under the management of the US Army Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg. The commercial navigation function (and thus the federal maintenance authority) has been de-authorized by the federal government and the access facilities are now maintained by St. Tammany Parish under agreement with the Corps.

The waterway is deep draft, and relatively straight in course. It runs from just below Bogalusa to the West Pearl River just above the Town of Pearl River. At some locations, the canal widens out into large lagoon areas and in some locations, such as the area at issue, it becomes relatively narrow, down to approximately 80 feet. Three closed lock facilities are located on the canal, effectively dividing it into separate "lake-like" units. Most of the canal is lined on the west by sparse rural residential development, with the Hickory Field area consisting of high density permanent camp sites. In some places the western bank opens up into forested flooded swamp. On the east side, development is extremely rare, with only one or two camps, located in

the proposed No Wake Zone area. Water levels are maintained by sills or spillways that drain into the Pearl River system.

Typical Uses

This canal system is subject to the customary recreational uses with vessels ranging from personal watercraft, small to medium sized fishing and skiing vessels, to larger "party barge" type craft. The majority consists of small fishing and sport vessels. High-speed recreational boating (skiing, bass fishing, personal watercraft) is very common. Most property owners moor their boats to small docks constructed in the waterway itself.

The Request

Some residents have expressed to their Council Representative that the use of the waterway combined with the high-density of waterfront development has brought about the need to establish a clear "No Wake Zone" area within the subject area. The complaint is primarily that many boats disregard the narrow, densely populated condition of this stretch of canal, and run through the area at full speed, creating a safety hazard, and generating damaging wakes. While in places the canal is several hundred feet wide, here it is less than 100'.

Please review this request and respond to this office within (14) days with comments and recommendations for consideration by the Administration and Parish Council in their deliberation on this matter.

Sincerely,



Brian K. Fortson
Environmental Specialist

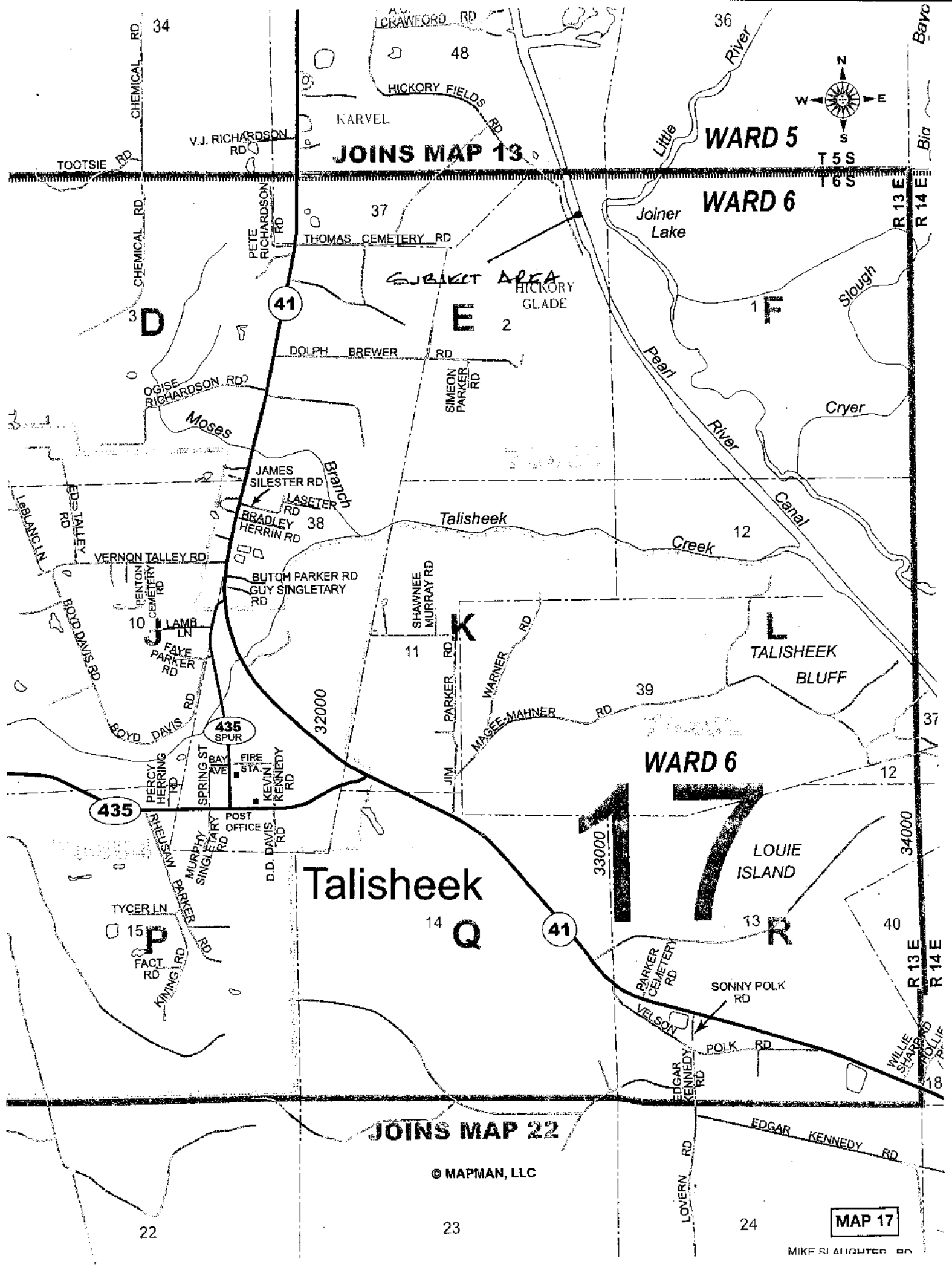
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District 6

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Mr. Joe Shoemaker, P.E., Director
St. Tammany Parish Department of Engineering



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WARD 5

WARD 6

WARD 6

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LOUIE ISLAND

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MAP 17

MIKE S. ALIGHTER, JR.

Hickory Field Rd

Dolph Brewer Rd

Old Tannery Rd

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