

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO: 4714

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO: _____

COUNCIL SPONSOR: GOULD/BRISTER

PROVIDED BY: PRESIDENT/LEGAL

INTRODUCED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

ON THE 12 DAY OF JANUARY, 2012

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE XI, SECTION 16-160.00 ET SEQ., OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, SETTING FORTH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH FISHING PIER.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish anticipates opening for public use the St. Tammany Parish Fishing Pier; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of St. Tammany Parish and the patrons of the St. Tammany Fishing Pier, it is necessary to enact pier rules and regulations.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS: that the following rules be codified as Article XI Section 16-160.00 into the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances and are to apply to the St. Tammany Parish Fishing Pier as amended herein;

ARTICLE XI ST. TAMMANY PARISH FISHING PIER

Sec.16-160.00 St. Tammany Parish Fishing Pier Defined

St. Tammany Parish Fishing Pier consists of approximately two thousand feet of both spans of the abandoned I-10 Bridge closest to the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain which has been converted into a pedestrian fishing pier (hereafter "Fishing Pier"). The primary goal is to provide pedestrian access to Lake Pontchartrain's most productive fishing grounds and to establish this area as a multi-faceted nature recreational district. Its proximity to Slidell, New Orleans, and the nearby Rigolets where Lake Pontchartrain meets the waters of the outer basin, make this a prime location for a project of this type. The goal of the St. Tammany Parish Fishing Pier is for it to be utilized for recreation, education, and at the same time honor the location for its history. In order to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of St. Tammany Parish and the patrons of the St. Tammany Parish Fishing Pier, it is necessary to enact pier rules and regulations.

Sec.16-160.01 St. Tammany Parish Fishing Pier Rules and Regulations

A. PIER RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Pier entrance fees shall be five dollars (\$ 5.00) for individuals twelve (12) and over for fishing from the Pier; visitors twelve (12) and over who do not fish from the Pier will be charged one dollar (\$ 1.00); and Children under twelve (12) can enter for free. Thereafter, changes to the entrance fees can be changed by policy issued by the Parish President;
2. Visitors under the age of sixteen (16) must be accompanied by adult;
3. All fisherman shall dispose of fishing line properly so as to not harm or kill wildlife;
4. Feeding of birds is prohibited;
5. Each fisherman shall be properly licensed;
6. Pets are not permitted;
7. Diving from the Pier or from any Parish structure or property is prohibited;

8. Swimming in any portion of Lake Pontchartrain in and around the Pier, Parish Property or structure is prohibited, and at each persons' own risk;

9. No fires, fireworks or cooking allowed on the Pier, Parish property or structure;

10. ~~No glass containers allowed on Pier property or structure.~~ No glass containers allowed on Pier property or structure. The only alcoholic beverage allowed on the Pier is beer if contained in a plastic or aluminum container;

11. No cast nets or crab traps allowed on the Pier, Parish property or structure;

12. No sitting or climbing on rails;

13. No smoking allowed on wooden structure;

14. All trash must be disposed of properly. Do not litter or throw anything in the water;

15. No bicycles, skateboards or other wheeled conveyances except those used by handicapped persons;

16. Respect wildlife and the surrounding area and keep noise to a minimum;

17. No business solicitation allowed on the Pier, Parish property or structure;

18. Public use of the Pier will be at patrons' own risk. St. Tammany Parish provides no protection from the wildlife and/or other risks of harm;

B. PIER HOURS:

The hours of operation will be established by policy issued by the Parish President and may be adjusted seasonally. Any adjustments to the operation hours shall be posted at the Pier entrance, throughout the Pier grounds and advertised through various media.

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 2 DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE

COUNCIL SERIES NO _____.

MARTIN W. GOULD, JR., COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

PATRICIA P. BRISTER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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