

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO: 4806

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO: _____

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. ARTIGUE

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

INTRODUCED BY: ARTIGUE

SECONDED BY: BELLISARIO

ON THE 7 DAY OF JUNE , 2012

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 16 PARKS, RECREATION AND SCENIC NEIGHBORHOODS, ARTICLE I IN GENERAL, SECTION 16-001.00 CURFEW AT NORTH SHORE BEACH PARK, TO ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE BEACH.

WHEREAS, the Parish of St. Tammany has determined that a revision to the Code of Ordinances concerning a public park is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the area known as North Shore Beach Park on Debbie Drive along the shore of Lake Pontchartrain in Slidell, Louisiana, has become a very popular destination for the public and this has resulted in an increase in the number of people visiting the beach and utilizing it for recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the intensified use of the beach has led to pressures on the beach and the surrounding residential neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to relieve the area of some of these pressures and to encourage patrons to be courteous and respectful of other beach patrons and the surrounding neighborhood, and to promote a clean and healthy environment for the enjoyment of the public, the Parish of St. Tammany determines that Chapter 16, Article I of the Code of Ordinances should be revised to include rules and regulations for the use of North Shore Beach.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that it amends the Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 16, Article I, to establish additional rules and regulations for the use of Northshore Beach Park as follows, to wit:

Chapter 16 Parks, Recreation and Scenic Neighborhoods

Article I In General

Section 16-001.00 Curfew at Northshore Beach Park

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS:

For the health, benefit and enjoyment of beach patrons and the neighborhood surrounding North Shore Beach on Debbie Drive in Slidell, Louisiana, the following rules and regulations shall apply to both the beach and the adjacent park property:

(1) Hours of operation: Daylight to Dark.

(2) No glass containers allowed.

(3) No littering or dumping allowed.

(4) No smoking allowed.

(5) No open fires, firearms or fireworks allowed (This shall not apply to the display of fireworks with express parish authority, nor to duly authorized law enforcement agents on bonafide assignments).

(6) Dogs, horses, or other pets are not allowed, except guide dogs accompanying visually impaired persons or hearing ear dogs accompanying hearing impaired persons.

(7) No audio or playing of electronic, amplified music before 9:00 a.m.

(8) Nuisance noises and sounds that are unreasonably loud and intrusive, so as to be disruptive within the park or surrounding community are prohibited (See also Code Chapter 14).

(9) No overnight camping.

(10) Motorized or electric vehicles are not allowed.

(11) Swimming and other similar water activities will be at patrons' own risk. St. Tammany Parish provides no lifeguards.

(12) Motorized boats and personal watercraft are not allowed on the shoreline of Lake Pontchartrain adjacent to Northshore Beach Park.

B. PENALTY AND ENFORCEMENT:

Except where state law or parish ordinance supercedes and provides for more stringent penalties, any person violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$ 100.00) or imprisonment in the parish jail for not more than ten (10) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Enforcement of this section shall be by the Parish Sheriff's Office.

~~There is hereby established a sundown curfew at North Shore Beach Park.~~

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.

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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 12 DAY OF JULY, 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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June 7, 2012

Administrative Comment

Council Office

Ordinance for Introduction Off the Floor

It is necessary to introduce an ordinance off-the-floor amending the Parish Code to provide regulations for the use of Northshore Beach Park in the interest of public safety and the general welfare of patrons and the surrounding community. This matter is time sensitive due to the increased use of the park during the summer months.