

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2 OF 2002

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF WATERCRAFT ON CANE RIVER WATERWAY ON EVENINGS WHEN FIREWORK DISPLAYS ARE PUT ON IN DOWNTOWN NATCHITOCHES.

WHEREAS, the Cane River Waterway Commission is a political subdivision of the State, created pursuant to R. S. 34:3261, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS FURTHER , the Cane River Waterway Commission was created for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the Cane River Waterway; included in the powers delegated to the Cane River Waterway District is the power be the regulatory authority of the Cane River Waterway and its use by authority of R. S. 34:3269(13); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, fireworks are displayed several times a year on the bank of Cane River Lake in downtown Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches regulates the operation of watercraft during the Christmas Festival fireworks display under Section 22-36 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Natchitoches, but does not regulate watercraft traffic on the other days when fireworks are displayed; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Board of the Cane River Waterway Commission desires to provide for the safety and welfare of the passengers of watercraft during the display of fireworks, and further desires to comply with the orders of the State Fire Marshall; accordingly

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of the Cane River Waterway Commission, that Cane River Lake shall be closed to watercraft (as defined in Ordinance No. 1 of 2001) traffic from the area behind the old Parish Library in the South to an extension of St. Maurice Lane in the North, or that area designated by the Fire Marshall, on each and every day that fireworks are displayed on the banks of Cane River lake in downtown Natchitoches, beginning one (1) hour prior to the display of fireworks and until the display of fireworks is completed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that it shall be unlawful to park any watercraft along the bank of Cane River Lake within that area designated above within one (1) hour prior to the display of fireworks and until the display of fireworks is completed.

IT IF FURTHER HEREBY ORDAINED that on days when fireworks are to be displayed on the bank of Cane River Lake in downtown Natchitoches, no boats longer than 28 feet in length are to be allowed on Cane River Lake.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that any person who violates this provision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$50.00, nor more than \$150.00.

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

If any portion of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid or unconstitutional in any manner, the invalidity shall be limited to that particular section or provision, and shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance, which shall remain valid and enforceable, it being the intention of the City Council that each separate provision shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

This Ordinance shall go into effect upon publication and in accordance with law.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 21st day of May, 2002, at a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 616 Front Street, City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

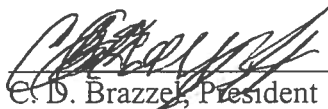
Ordinance considered, on motion by Kenneth Prudhomme and seconded by Danny Matt, to adopt the ordinance, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

YEAS: Danny Matt, C.D. Brazzel, Kenneth Prudhomme, and Grits Gresham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ann Brittian

Whereupon, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance duly 18th day of June, 2002.


C. D. Brazzel, President

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