

Mr. Gahagan reminded the Commissioners that at the August 22, 1997 meeting, Ordinance No. 4 of 1997 was introduced relating to a restriction on the construction of piers, wharves, docks, boathouses, and other facilities extending into Cane River Lake. By resolution, a public hearing was directed to be held at the regular meeting of the Commission in September, 1997 to consider adoption of the ordinance. Copies of the proposed ordinance were distributed to the Commissioners and made available to the members of the public who were in attendance.

Following discussion, upon motion by Mr. Prudhomme, seconded by Mr. Powell and unanimously carried, Ordinance No. 4 of 1997 was adopted as follows, to-wit:

**ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 1997**

**WHEREAS**, by resolution adopted August 20, 1996, the Cane River Waterway Commission restricted the construction of piers, wharves, docks, boathouses and other facilities extending into Cane River Lake; and,

**WHEREAS**, the board would like to restate and affirm the August 20, 1996 Resolution and to provide penalties for the violation thereof; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board further proposes to adopt provisions relating to the civil enforcement of the August 20, 1996 Resolution, in addition to the provision of penalties; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board considers Cane River Lake to provide recreational opportunities for pleasure boat operation, water skiing, fishing and other activities; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cane River Lake is an approximate 36 mile long "false river" which varies in width from approximately 250 feet to not more than 400 feet; and,

**WHEREAS**, the varying width of Cane River Lake may result in a danger to the boating public in the pursuit of recreational activities as a result of the close proximity of opposing boats as well as natural and man made obstructions into the navigational channel of Cane River Lake,

Accordingly, in accordance with the provisions of R.S.34: 3261, et seq. of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana, the following ordinance was adopted:

Buildings to be constructed on or after August 20, 1996 near or on water restricted:

(a) Piers, wharves, docks, boathouses and other facilities extending into Cane River Lake shall be limited to a maximum total length of not more than 24 feet, perpendicular to the average mean sea level contour line of Cane River Lake at ordinary pool stage of 98.6 feet, MSL at the Cane River Lake Spillway.



