



ORDINANCE NUMBER 4 OF 2019

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING REGULATIONS PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF ALLIGATORS IN CANE RIVER LAKE, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

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

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Cane River Waterway Commission was created for the purpose of establishing, operating 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 pursuant to R. S. 34:3269(13); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the governing authority of the Cane River Waterway District, the Cane River Waterway Commission, has authority to adopt regulations to provide for and promote the safety and welfare of the those persons utilizing the Cane River Waterway; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Commission takes cognizance of the fact that there are alligators present in Cane River Lake, and that these are wild animals that are potentially dangerous; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Cane River Waterway Commission finds that the feeding of alligators in Cane River Lake could result in increasing the likelihood of dangerous interaction between alligators and humans and their pets; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Cane River Waterway Commission finds that feeding of alligators results in alligators associating humans and watercraft with food which can increase interaction between alligators and humans; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Cane River Waterway Commission finds that any increase in interaction between humans and alligators will result in an increase in the possibility of injury to persons using Cane River Lake; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED in legal session convened and in accordance with Louisiana R. S. 34:3261, et. seq., and specifically, R. S. 34:3269(13), the Commission hereby adopts the following regulation:

Prohibition against feeding alligators in Cane River Lake, penalties.

No person shall feed alligators in Cane River Lake. For the purposes of this ordinance, any person placing any animal, meat or other feed consumed by alligators in Cane River Lake shall be deemed to be feeding alligators in Cane River Lake. Specifically excluded from this definition is feed specifically intended for fish, and any live bait used for fishing. Also excluded is meat used in legal alligator hunting as bait.

Any person violating this ordinance shall be subject to a civil fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars.

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 Cane River Waterway Commission 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 18 day of June, 2019, at a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

Ordinance considered, on motion by Mr. Methvin and seconded by Mr. Wiggins, to adopt the ordinance, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

YEAS: Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Mr. Paige

Whereupon, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance duly passed on this the _ 16 day of July, 2019.

Cane River Waterway Commission
Chairman Jim Rhodes

