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**BAYOU PLAQUEMINE WATERFRONT PARK**  
**57845 Foundry Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764-2403**  
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**ARTICLE III. BAYOU WATERFRONT PARK.**

**Sec. 14-25. Citation**

This Article shall constitute the Bayou Waterfront Park regulations of the City and may be cited as such.

**Sec. 14-26. Police power.**

This article is declared to be an exercise of the police power of the City, and its provisions shall be liberally construed for the preservation and protection of the natural environment, public peace, health, safety and welfare.

**Sec. 14-27. Purpose and findings.**

The City of Plaquemine finds as follows, and declares that the ordinance codified in this article is passed in response to the following facts:

- (a) Unlawful and inappropriate behavior in the Bayou Waterfront Park diminishes this precious asset and deprives citizens of the full use and enjoyment of the natural beauty, recreational opportunities and peaceful repose that the park is intended to preserve in an urban setting.
- (b) In addition to more serious criminal acts that threaten personal injury and property damage, a wide range of illegal disorderly behavior can transform a park into an unwelcoming, unattractive and ultimately unsafe public space requiring increased expenditures for public safety and maintenance.
- (c) The law intended to preserve and protect the park for the benefit of all are effective only if those who use the park obey the law. The current criminal and civil penalties for violating the law are frequently inadequate alone to deter illegal behavior, prevent its recurrence or provide for removal of the offender from the park.
- (d) Compliance with the law, including the provisions under this article and regulations, will be enhanced by the immediate administrative sanction of excluding from the park those who violate the law. In addition, for repeat offenders and for more serious offenses, exclusion for extended periods of time will provide a necessary additional remedy to protect the park.

**Sec. 14-28. Definitions.**

A. Unless clearly inconsistent with the context in which used, the following definitions apply:

1. "Camp" means to remain overnight, to erect a tent or other shelter, or to use sleeping equipment, a vehicle, or a trailer camper, for the purpose of or in such way as will permit remaining overnight.
2. "Park" means the entirety of the Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park.
3. "Main Pavilion" means the large pavilion building.
4. "Meeting Room" means the brick meeting room (the former 1880 Nadler's Foundry and Equipment Office).
5. "Boardwalk Pavilion" means the larger pavilion area on the wooden boardwalk, near the Lock Chamber wall.
6. "Small boardwalk Pavilion" means the smaller wooden pavilion area near the Main Pavilion building.
7. "Park rule" means those particular rules, policies and/or regulations the City has adopted.
8. "Violation" means an act or omission or combination thereof that is contrary to any park rule or any civil or criminal provision of the Code of Ordinances for the City or provisions of the Revised Statutes for the State of Louisiana

**Sec. 14-29. Rulemaking; enforcement.**

A. The Chief of Police shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this article.

B. The Mayor and Board of Selectmen may adopt, amend and rescind policies, rules and regulations consistent with this article in order to manage and control the park, including rules that:

1. Clarify, interpret or apply this article
2. Regulate the use of the park
3. Regulate conduct in the park
4. Designate restricted areas in the park
5. Regulate recreational programs;
6. Establish times for opening and closing the park to public use and/or for entry or use of motor vehicles;
7. Restrict and/or prohibit the use of any skateboard, roller skate, coaster or other similar device in the park or any part of the park.  
This prohibition shall not apply to a person with a disability, who uses wheeled equipment in order to be ambulatory.
8. Impose a speed limit on use of any park paths, trails and walks, improved and unimproved and any waterways.

**Sec. 14-30. Permit System.**

The Mayor and Board of Selectmen may establish a permit system and require a permit for:

- (A) Reserving any room or part of the park for a certain time or series of times; and granting the exclusive use thereof during the time reserved.

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- (B) Posting any signs, posters and notices; placing or erecting any structure or obstruction of any kind within a park, whether temporary or permanent; engaging in any competitions involving a vehicle, boat, aircraft, or animal.
- (C) Using any outdoor electrical power outlet; or laying cables or extending wires in or over the park; or using any park or facility during the hours it is closed to the public.
- (D) A permit for an event may authorize the placing of temporary signs, posters or notices reasonably related thereto.
- (E) All permits shall be wholly of a temporary nature, shall not be a permanent right, and may be revoked upon thirty (30) days notice or, if the permit so states, upon shorter notice.

**Sec. 14-31. Term and conditions**

The Mayor and Board of Selectmen may condition the permit or impose such terms and conditions as appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and/or the park; to avoid or limit unnecessary interference with other uses or users of the park; to minimize disturbance of the surrounding neighborhood; and to require the user to leave the area under permit in a condition after the activity or event as it was beforehand. For this purpose, the Mayor and Board of Selectmen may require the user to furnish public liability and property damage insurance, naming the City as an additional insured, in such amounts as reasonably necessary to provide recompense for personal injury or death or property damage to a member of the public as result of the event or activity; execute an indemnity and/or hold harmless agreement; and/or made a reasonable security deposit or provide a bond.

**Sec. 14-32. Posting of signs, posters and notices.**

Except as authorized by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen, it is unlawful to use, place or erect any signboard, sign, billboard, bulletin board, post, pole or device of any kind for advertising or notification in the park, or to attach any notice, bill, poster, sign, wire, rod or card to any tree, shrub, railing, post or structure within the park.

**Sec. 14-33. Distribution of handbills.**

It is unlawful to distribute any handbills, circulars, flyers or signs in the park in any manner that interferes with or obstructs the normal passage of people or vehicles, unless authorized by the City.

**Sec. 14-34. No trespassing areas**

- A. It is unlawful for any person except a duly authorized City employee in the performance of his or her duties, or other person authorized by the Mayor, to enter or go upon any area which has been designated and posted by the City as a "no admittance" or "no trespassing" area for the purpose of protecting the environment or for the purpose of protecting the public from condition which constitute a potential hazard to life or physical well-being.
- B. It is unlawful for any person except a duly authorized City employee in the performance of his or her duties, or other person authorized by the Mayor, to remove, destroy, mutilate or deface any structure, lawn, monument, statue, vase, fountain, wall, fence, railing, vehicle, bench, shrub, tree, geological formation, plant, flower, lighting system, sprinkling system, gate barricade or lock or other property lawfully in the park, or to remove sand, soil, or sod in the park.
- C. Every offense defined by this section or conduct made unlawful hereby constitute a crime and any person convicted of such crime may be punished by a fine in any sum not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed six months, or both.

**Sec. 14-35. Firearms prohibited.**

It is unlawful to carry a firearm in the park, provided that this section shall not apply to police officers.

**Sec. 14-36. Soliciting prohibited.**

Except as may be specifically provided by law, no person shall solicit contributions for himself, nor for any charitable, educational or scientific purpose in the park.

**Sec. 14-37. Sale of merchandise, concession contract required.**

It is unlawful to sell or attempt to sell any merchandise, liquid, edible, or any other tangible or intangible thing, right, privilege or claim in the park without having an authorized concession contract or permit to do so.

**Sec. 14-38. Sound amplifying devices.**

Except as authorized by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen for specific events and times, or except as necessary for the preservation of public peace or safety, it is unlawful to use any public address system, loudspeaker or other sound amplifying device in the park. It is unlawful to exceed noise levels prescribed by Section 13-111.1 through 13-111.5

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Sec. 14-39. Commercial fishing prohibited; cleaning prohibited.

- (A) It is unlawful to engage in or attempt to engage in any commercial fishing activities in or from the park.
- (B) It is unlawful to clean and/or gut fish anywhere in the Park.

Sec. 14-40. Camping.

It is unlawful to camp in the park except as permitted by the City and at places set aside and posted for such purpose by the City.

Sec. 14-41. Alcohol prohibited.

It is unlawful in the park to consume, or to possess an open container holding, or to open a container holding, alcohol as defined by the laws of the State of Louisiana.

Sec. 14-42. Use of driveways and boulevards

It is unlawful to ride, propel, drive or direct any animal or motorized vehicle over or through the park except along and upon the park drives, parkways and park boulevards, or to do so at a speed in excess of the posted speed limit, or to do so in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour where no speed limit is posted.

Sec. 14-43. Areas closed to general vehicular access.

Except as authorized by the City, it is unlawful to drive or operate a non-City vehicle in the park or in any area therein which is designated as being closed to general vehicular traffic access, and which is so posted.

Sec. 14-44. Restrictions on uses of vehicles and animals in a park when the park is not open to the public.

- A. It is unlawful to drive or ride in or on any motor vehicle or animal, in the park when the park is not open to the public, or when the park, roadway or parking lot is, by order of the Mayor, closed to entry or use by motor vehicles.
- B. It is unlawful to park or leave a motor vehicle unattended in the park during hours when the park is not open to the public, or when the park, roadway, or parking lot is, by order of the Mayor, closed to entry or use by motor vehicles, except pursuant to a permit issued by the City. Vehicles parked or left unattended in violation of this section are hereby declared to be a nuisance and may be impounded in accordance with the provisions of the City's Code of Ordinances providing for impoundment with or without citation and without prior notice to the owner.

Sec. 14-45. Littering

- A. It is unlawful to throw or deposit any refuse or other material in the park, except in designated receptacles; or to take garbage or refuse in the park for disposal in the park; or to deposit garbage or refuse generated outside the park in a receptacle within the park designated for deposit of trash by the public.
- B. Whoever is found guilty of littering in the park shall be fined not less than Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) but not more than Fifteen Hundred dollars (\$1500.00) or imprisoned in the parish jail for not more than six (6) months, or both. In addition, the offender shall be placed on supervised probation for not less than six (6) months, but not more than one (1) year, with a minimum condition that he/she perform four (4) eight hour days of court approved community service activities.

Sec. 14-46. Motorized models.

It is unlawful to operate any motorized model aircraft or motorized model watercraft in the park, except at places set apart by the City for such purposes or as authorized by a permit from the City.

Sec. 14-47. Fires.

It is unlawful (a) to ignite or maintain any fire or to participate in igniting, maintaining or using any fire within any park except in a designated stove, bar-be-cue grill or fire ring, or (b) to ignite in any stove, bar-be-cue grill or fire ring any household rubbish or other material banned from outdoor burning by air pollution control regulations.

Sec. 14-48. Animals running at large prohibited.

- (A) It is unlawful for any person to allow or permit any dog or other pet to run at large in the park.
- (B) Any person with his/her animal(s) inside the Park shall be required to pick up and dispose of, in a sanitary waste and/or garbage container, his/her animal's feces.

Sec. 14-49. Operation or land of watercraft at designated areas only

It is unlawful to have, keep or operate any boat, float, raft or other watercraft in or upon Bayou Plaquemine within the limits of the park, or to land the same at any point upon shores within the park, except where designated by the City for such purposes.

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Pursuant to the provisions of Plaquemine Code of Ordinances Section 14-29

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**I. HOURS OF OPERATION/CHILDREN**

- (A) The Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park shall be open from 30 minutes after dawn and shall be closed 30 minutes prior to sunset.
- (B) The Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park may be closed, in whole or in part, for the use of persons and/or organizations events. You can obtain information of scheduled Park events from the Plaquemine Main Street Office.
- (C) The Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park may be opened for additional hours for special events permitted by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen.
- (D) All persons under the age of seventeen years must be accompanied by an adult to enter and use the Park. Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park patrons and guest are responsible for the behavior of minors using the Park. Children must be chaperoned at all times and not allowed to roam around the Park without supervision.

**II. CAMPING**

- (A) To camp in the park it is necessary to obtain a permit.
- (B) Camping will only be permitted at places set aside and posted for such purpose.

**III. FISHING**

- (A) Commercial fishing activities in or from the park are prohibited.
- (B) Cleaning and/or gutting fish anywhere in the Park is prohibited.

**IV. FIRES/BAR-B-CUE/BOILS**

- (A) It is unlawful (a) to ignite or maintain any fire or to participate in igniting, maintaining or using any fire within the park except in a designated stove, bar-be-cue grill or fire ring.
- (B) Bar-b-cues, food boils and/or large food frying shall only be conducted in areas designated for these activities.
- (C) Camp fires are prohibited.

**V. WATER ACTIVITIES**

No jumping, diving or swimming from floating piers, boardwalk, sidewalks, or railings. Depending upon water level, from time to time, all or portions of the Park may be closed to ensure public safety and concern.

**VI. LITTERING**

Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park patrons and guests agree not to damage, deface, waste, or strip Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park facilities, landscaping, signs, piers and/or displays. Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park patrons and guests agree, understand and acknowledge the Littering Ordinance applicable to the Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park.

- A. It is unlawful to throw or deposit any refuse or other material in the park, except in designated receptacles; or to take garbage or refuse in the park for disposal in the park; or to deposit garbage or refuse generated outside the park in a receptacle within the park designated for deposit of trash by the public.
- B. Whoever is found guilty of littering in the park shall be fined not less than Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) but not more than Fifteen Hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) or imprisoned in the parish jail for not more than six (6) months, or both. In addition, the offender shall be placed on supervised probation for not less than six (6) months, but not more than one (1) year, with a minimum condition that he/she performs four (4) eight hour days of court approved.

**VII. SECURITY**

Security for the Park shall be provided by the Plaquemine Police Department or other designated law enforcement personnel. Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park patrons and guest shall obey all directives of law enforcement personnel with respect to conduct occurring in the Park.

**VIII PERMITTED ACTIVIES**

City issued permits may be required for:

- a. Reserving any room or part of the park or granting exclusive reserved time;
- b. Posting any advertisement or announcements or public or community event.

Certain permitted or authorized events may require public liability and property damage insurance certificate, security deposit and

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hold harmless agreement.

**IX. RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- a. Recreational fishing and boating is encouraged. Overnight boat stay must be pre-approved. During times of high water, park gates may be closed to ensure public safety and concern.
- b. There is a No Wake Zone from Bayou Plaquemine Train Bridge to the Plaquemine Locks.

**X. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

The following activities shall not be permitted within the Park:

- a. Firearms;
- b. Soliciting or Merchandise sales, unless a concession contract or permit is obtained;
- c. Skateboarding, rollerblading, motorized vehicles or bicycles on sidewalks or boardwalk; or inside the pavilion buildings; and
- d. Removal of landscape vegetation or materials.

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**MAIN PAVILION AND MEETING ROOM REGULATIONS**

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**I. GENERAL**

Main Pavilion Building with Meeting Room can be booked for large private events

- a) Meeting Room Building only cannot be booked by individuals. Reservations are limited to non-profit, charitable, civic and religious organizations, business leagues, and governmental agencies and departments.
- b) City Special Event permit is required by Plaquemine Police Department at least sixty (60) days in advance of event date, for events of fifty (50) persons or more, in addition to Waterfront Park Special Event Permit.
- c) Certain permitted or authorized events may require public liability and property damage insurance certificate, security deposit and hold harmless agreement

**II. SPECIAL PERMIT CRITERIA**

City-issued special permits may be required for the following inside the Main Pavilion Building and/or Meeting Room.

- a. Special events (fifty (50) or more attendees may require permit
- b. Company or corporate party/function, Banquet
- c. Wedding ceremony and reception
- d. Reunions such as family, school class
- e. Private birthday party
- f. Bar-b-que, food boils and food frying in designated areas
- g. No other cooking devices or appliances are allowed without prior park management approval

**III. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

The following activities shall not be permitted within the Main Pavilion Building and/or Meeting Room:

- a) Commercial events and/or for-profit functions
- b) Political fundraiser or rallies
- c) Loud music
- d) Soliciting or Merchandise sales, unless a concession contract or city permit is obtained
- e) Skateboarding, rollerblading, motorized vehicles or bicycles inside the pavilion buildings
- f) Bar-b-que, food boils or food frying in non-designated area, unless prior approval of park management

**IV. SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED ACTIVITIES**

- a. City-issued Special events (with fifty (50) or more attendees may require permit)
- b. Use of the Main Pavilion Building and Meeting Room must be booked in advance through the Mayor's office, at least sixty (60) days or more of event date. Bookings are on a first-come, first-serve basis
- c. City Special Event permit is required by Plaquemine Police Department at least sixty (60) days in advance of event date, for events of fifty (50) persons or more, in addition to Waterfront Park Special Event Permit.
- d. City permit required for private events, using the Main Pavilion and/or the Meeting Room
- e. All special events shall end by 12:00 Midnight, unless expressly authorized by park management in advance

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V. FEES SCHEDULE:

1. Main Pavilion building: \$300.00 (per day) includes cleaning fee; does not include refundable damage deposit.
2. Main Pavilion with meeting room – \$400.00 (per day) includes cleaning fee; does not include refundable damage deposit.
3. Meeting Room only: \$150.00 (per day) includes cleaning fee; does not include refundable damage deposit
4. Refundable damage deposit of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required and cannot be waived.
5. Non-refundable clean-up fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is not required by those permit applicants paying the full fee rental payment.
6. Non-refundable clean-up fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required by non-profit, not-for-profit, charitable, civic and religious organizations, business leagues, and governmental agencies and departments.
7. In the discretion of the Mayor, the Main Pavilion Building and/or Meeting Room rental fee may be waived for non-profit, not-for-profit, charitable, civic and religious organizations, business leagues, and governmental agencies and departments.

VI. ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

- a. May be allowed for special permitted events
- b. City reserves the right to require event applicant to have city-approved security
- c. Event applicant is responsible for alcohol and beverage permits from state and city, as required by law

VII. SECURITY

Security for the Main Pavilion Building and/or Meeting Room shall be provided by the Plaquemine Police Department or other designated law enforcement personnel. Park patrons and guest shall obey all directives of law enforcement personnel with respect to conduct occurring within the Main Pavilion Building and/or Meeting Room and within the Park.

VIII. FOOD REGULATION

Bar-b-cues, food boils and/or large food frying and/or cooking shall only be conducted in areas designated for these activities or unless approved in advance by park management.

*These regulations are in addition to the provisions of Plaquemine Code of Ordinances Section 14-25 through 14-49 of the Bayou Plaquemine Water Front Park - Adopted April 11, 2006 - City of Plaquemine Ordinance Number 232 and Amended on September 27, 2011 – City of Plaquemine Ordinance Number 310*

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