

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Newcastle, Texas:

Sec. 1. That all of the Newcastle Lake and all of that part belonging thereto, together with its beds and bottoms, and all the products thereof, shall continue and remain the property of the City of Newcastle, Texas, except in so far as said city shall permit the use of said water and bottoms or permit the taking of the products of such bottoms and water.

Sec. 2. That the City of Newcastle shall, through its Mayor or other officer having power to act, whether special or regular officers, have jurisdiction and over all of the said Newcastle Lake, the land belonging thereto, and also to regulate the sanitation of all lands, creeks, ravines that drain into the said Newcastle Lake or tend to pollute the waters of the said lake.

Sec. 3. That every person is hereby prohibited to bathe or swim in any water that are a part of the said lake or that drain into the said lake, or to deposit, throw, drag, or bury on the land or in the water anything, or be responsible for anything to be put, thrown, dragged or interred on the land or in the water that in any way may pollute or cause to pollute the water of the said Newcastle Lake.

Sec. 4. That to catch or take fish from the waters of the said Newcastle Lake, its purity, together with any and all land belonging thereto, to use for pleasure or for fishing purposes, and to catch and take fish from waters of Lake Newcastle in accordance with and not contrary to this Ordinance and in accordance with and not contrary to the rules and regulations of the State Department of Health governing boating and fishing in City waters, to regulate the sanitation and protect the purity of the waters of said lake for drinking purposes. That boating, fishing and picnicking be prohibited within 1/4 mile of the water intake. That signs and buoys be placed clearly prohibiting such activities within 1/4 mile of the water intake. The use of a raft or any description is prohibited, as well as the use of a boat over 20 feet in length and four feet wide, or with a motor exceeding 5 H.P. is prohibited. That permission may also be granted to any person to and fish in the waters of Lake Newcastle provided the person is wearing hip boots, but wading is strictly prohibited unless the person is wearing hip boots, but under all conditions or circumstances to catch or take fish from the water of the said lake during the months of March and April is prohibited. And it is also strictly prohibited, at any time of the year, to catch, trap or take from the water of the said lake by means of traps, nets, dip-nets, seines or any and all descriptions or to use what is known as stink-bait.

Sec. 5. That the City Council shall have the right to sell any sand or gravel in the beds and bottoms, provided it shall not in any way or manner affect the security of the lake or pollute the water in said lake; however it shall not be the right to lease the water or the bottoms or beds or any part thereof; and shall have full right and power to use the water and sell the water as may be provided by any other ordinance.

Sec. 6. Any person violating any part of this ordinance, each violation shall constitute a separate offense, shall be found guilty of misdemeanor and fine in any sum not exceeding two-hundred dollars. That the strict enforcement of this ordinance is encouraged upon the Mayor, who shall appoint such officers as he deems proper to enforce the same, and such appointed officers shall have power of a City Marshall.

Sec. 8. If any section, sub-section or clause of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or unlawful, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Sec. 9. As an emergency exists to safe guard the purity of the water of the lake, the provisions of this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage, except as penal provisions thereof, which shall become effective after its publication.

As passed, approved, amended and adapted Sept. 17, 1951.

Gaspard Neal, Mayor

Attest: Mildred Morgan, Secretary