Title 33: River and Waters

Part 203: Regulations Pertaining To Use Of Reservoir Project Area By General Public

Part 203 Chapter 1: Motor Vehicles.

Rule 1.1 *Speed Limits.*

(a) It shall be unlawful for any Person to operate a motor vehicle within the Reservoir Project Area at speeds greater than the following:

(i) On the roadway across the reservoir dam or on the causeway across Pelahatchie Bay in Rankin County, 45 miles per hour, except as provided in Part 203 Rule 1.1 (a) (ii).

(ii) On any roadway over any dike, levy, groin, jetty or mole appurtenant to the reservoir main dam, a maximum of twenty-five (25) miles per hour; except on that portion of the roadway across the reservoir main dam lying between a point five hundred (500) feet westerly of the western abutment of the spillway bridge and a point five hundred feet easterly of the eastern abutment of spillway bridge, a maximum of thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

(iii) On that portion of the roadway across the reservoir main dam lying between a point five hundred (500) feet westerly of the western abutment of the spillway bridge and a point five hundred feet easterly of the eastern abutment of spillway bridge, a minimum of thirty (30) miles per hour.

(iv) On all streets, drives or roadways in any platted subdivision within the Reservoir Project Area, 30 miles per hour.

(v) On all other roads, roadways, streets and drives within the Reservoir Project Area, 45 miles per hour.

(b) Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars ($100.00).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 1.2 *Parking.*

(a) It shall be unlawful for any Person to park an automobile or other vehicle on any part of the reservoir main dam or any dike, levy, groin, jetty, or mole appurtenant thereto, or on the causeway across Pelahatchie Bay in Rankin County or within one hundred (100) feet of any public boat launching ramp, or within any public park or any public recreation area within the Reservoir Project Area, except at places designated for such parking by posted signs, or on any portion of the Reservoir Project Area adjacent to the South and East sides of Rice Road between the diversion canal for Culley/Brashears Creek and the South and East rights-of-way of the Natchez Trace in Madison County. A

vehicle stopped to load or unload passengers or property shall be deemed to be parked for purposes of this regulation.

(b) Any area described in Part 203 Rule 1.2 (a) which is not designated as a parking area may be designated a "Tow Away Zone" by the posting of signs stating "Tow Away Zone-Vehicle Will be Towed Away at Owner's Expense." Any vehicle left unattended in a designated Tow Away Zone may be towed away and held until the owner shall pay the towing charges.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any Person to park any automobile or other vehicle within any portion of the Reservoir Project Area identified by a sign or signs stating "NO STOPPING NEXT (stated distance) MILES, Stopped Vehicles will be Towed at Owner's Expense" or similar language. If any Reservoir Patrol officer finds an attended or unattended vehicle parked in violation of this rule, such officer is authorized to provide for the immediate removal of such vehicle to the a storage site or other place of safety, and the owner of the vehicle shall pay all costs of removal, safety inspection and storage prior to obtaining possession of the vehicle.

(d) Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 1.3 *Traffic Control at Public Parks of the District.*

(a) It shall be unlawful for any vehicle to enter Lakeshore Park, Old Trace Park or Pelahatchie Shore Park or any other public park of the District where a toll gate is maintained and attended unless the operator or other occupant of the vehicle shall first have paid to the toll gate attendant a traffic fee as posted at the toll gate, not to exceed $3.00 per vehicle, for each entrance into such park, provided that a vehicle for which a traffic fee has been paid may within the same calendar day be allowed to leave and enter such park one time without paying a second fee.

(b) Traffic fees shall be collected at all times during which the toll gate is attended on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays from March 1 through September 30 of each year and on such other days throughout the year as the General Manager may determine.

(c) The term "vehicle" as used in this regulation shall mean without limitation every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported upon a street or highway, except nonmotorized devices designed to be moved solely by human power, and shall include without limitation, automobiles, trucks, jeeps, motorcycles, all terrain vehicles (ATV), off road vehicles, motor bikes, buses, vans, dirt bikes, and three-wheelers.

(d) Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Fifty Dollars ($50.00).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 1.4 *Vehicle Restrictions.*

(a) It shall be unlawful within the Reservoir Project Area to operate any vehicle on the streets, roads or highways unless such vehicle is in compliance with the Mississippi Uniform Highway Traffic Regulation Law--Equipment and Identification Regulations.

(b) It shall be unlawful within the Reservoir Project Area to operate any vehicle:

(i) Below or down stream of the toe drain below the main dam of the Reservoir in Madison or Hinds County;

(ii) Over or across any portion of any dike, levee, groin, jetty or mole appurtenant to the waters of the Ross Barnett Reservoir or any marina or harbor adjacent thereto, other than along an approved public or private roadway along the top of such dike, levee, groin, jetty, mole or other appurtenant facilities;

(iii) On, over or across any District road that is conspicuously marked "No Vehicles Beyond This Point" at each point of ingress thereto from a public roadway;

(iv) Within, on, over or across any portion of the Reservoir Project Area which is not paved, graveled or otherwise hard surfaced. Dirt roads are not considered "hard surfaced" for purposes of this regulation.

(c) The vehicle restrictions stated in Part 203 Rule 1.4 (b) (iv) above shall not apply to: (i) property within the Reservoir Project Area leased by the District but any use of such property by vehicle operators shall be made only with the permission of and at the sole risk of the lessee(s) of such property; (ii) vehicles which are used for landscape maintenance or gardening purposes provided such vehicles are being operated for such purposes; (iii) construction equipment during the course of construction; (iv) vehicles or equipment used for logging purposes during the course of removing timber; (v) vehicles owned by any agency of the State of Mississippi or of the United States government, or by any city or county as long as the vehicle is being used in the course of employment of the operator; (vi) any all terrain vehicle ("ATV") operated by or used to transport any person 70 years of age or older, or any person with a disability as determined the United States Social Security Administration or the Department of Veteran's Affairs or by any other governmental entity which determines, adjudicates or certifies disabling conditions provided such ATV is being operated for the sole purpose of (aa) accessing public hunting areas for hunting purposes during open seasons or (bb) retrieving game. Persons exempt under this section are required to have proof of their age or disability status in their possession and available for inspection by law enforcement officers.

(d) The term "all terrain vehicle" as used in this regulation shall mean a motorized, self propelled vehicle designed to travel over unimproved terrain on two or more tires which vehicle is not qualified as suitable for on-road use pursuant to the

Mississippi Uniform Highway Traffic Regulation Law--Equipment and Identification Regulations or by the Inspection Regulations as published from time to time by the Mississippi Highway Patrol. The term "vehicle" as used in this regulation shall mean without limitation every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported upon a street or highway, except nonmotorized devices designed to be moved solely by human power, and shall include without limitation, automobiles, trucks, jeeps, motorcycles, all terrain vehicles (ATV), off road vehicles, motor bikes, buses, vans, dirt bikes, and three-wheelers.

(e) Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 2: Boats and Boating.

Rule 2.1 *Operation Of Power Boats In Congested Areas.*

(a) It shall be unlawful for any Person, firm, or corporation to operate any motor boat or other motor vessel in, along or around the Reservoir within the vicinity of any public launching ramp, commercial marina, yacht club or private dock or pier at a rate of speed which will cause a wake, provided that such area shall be conspicuously marked by a sign or signs stating "No Wake" upon entering and leaving such area.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any Person, firm, or corporation to operate any motor boat or other motor vessel in, along or around the following areas in the Reservoir at a rate of speed which will cause a wake: Flag Island, Coal Bluff, Low Head Dam, Eddie's Island and Cut-Thru Pass Island, south of Flag Island, the area under the Northshore Parkway Bridge at Pelahatchie Bay, an area up to 1000 feet east of the shoreline along the Natchez Trace Parkway between the Natchez Trace Overlook and the channel entering NorthBay Subdivision, an area along and east of a line between the western most point of Lakeshore Park and the western most point of Timberlake Campground, an area no more than 100 feet off the shoreline of Old Trace Park, an area no more than 100 feet off the shoreline of Pelahatchie Shore Park, provided that such areas shall be conspicuously marked by a sign or signs stating "No Wake" upon entering and leaving such area.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any Person, firm, or corporation to operate any motor boat or other motor vessel in, along or around any area in the Reservoir at a rate of speed which will cause a wake:

(i) within any area marked with Temporary Emergency "No Wake" signs or buoys;

(ii) within 100 feet of any Law Enforcement Patrol Vessel while the blue beacon warning lights are activated or within 100 feet of any Fire/Rescue Vessel while the red beacon warning lights are activated.

(d) For the purpose of this ordinance a "wake" shall be defined as any change in the vertical height of the water's surface caused by the passage of a vessel including, but not limited to, such craft's bow wave, stern wake or propeller wash. A "No Wake Area" shall mean an area in which a vessel must travel at idle speed so as not to produce a wake.

(e) Each violation of this Regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00) or imprisonment in the County Jail not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or both such fine and imprisonment as determined by the Court.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 2.2 Mooring and Abandonment of Watercraft.

(a) It shall be unlawful to moor any house boat, motor boat, cruiser, sailboat or other watercraft in open waters within the Reservoir Project Area except on a temporary basis with the owner or operator aboard.

(b) It shall be unlawful to moor any house boat, motor boat, cruiser, sailboat or other watercraft having an overall length in excess of twenty-seven feet in any waters within the Reservoir Project Area at any place other than at a yacht club harbor or commercial marina, except that watercraft having an overall length in excess of twenty-seven feet may be moored at a private dock or pier provided for that purpose on leased waterfront property for seven or fewer continuous days, for not in excess of thirty total days during a calendar year.

(c) It shall be unlawful to moor any house boat, motor boat, cruiser, sailboat or other watercraft having an overall length of twenty-seven feet or less in any waters within the Reservoir Project Area for longer than twelve hours at any place other than a yacht club harbor, a commercial marina, or a private dock or pier provided for that purpose on leased waterfront property.

(d) It shall be unlawful to leave or abandon any watercraft in a waterlogged or sunk condition, or to moor any watercraft in any waters within the Reservoir Project Area at any place other than as provided in Part 203 Rule 2.2 (a), (b) or (c).

(e) A representative of the District may remove any watercraft moored in violation of this Part 203 Rule 2.2 and the District may recover its costs of such removal from either the owner or operator of the watercraft, or in part from both the owner and the operator of the watercraft.

(f) Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 2.3 Operation of Motorboats On The Ross Barnett Reservoir Which Are Not Equipped With Water Injected Exhaust Prohibited.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any Person, firm or corporation to operate on the Reservoir or on any property owned by the District any inboard motorboat which does not discharge the exhaust from each engine either through an exhaust pipe extending below the surface of the water under normal operating conditions or through a water injection muffling system or other muffling device. It shall be unlawful for any Person, firm, or corporation to operate any motorboat on the Reservoir or on any property owned by the District under any condition or in any manner which causes the noise level to exceed 86 decibels at a distance of 50 feet from the source of the noise. This regulation shall not apply to motorboats which are competing in authorized races or regattas and related events held upon the Reservoir with the approval of the District.

(b) Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not less than $50.00 nor more than $100.00 as determined by the court. For purposes of this regulation a violation shall not be deemed continuing, but each unlawful operation of a motorboat shall constitute a separate offense.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 2.4 Operation of Power Boats In General.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any Person to occupy any part of the spillway structure of the main dam of the Reservoir or operate or float in boat, Personal Watercraft or any other floating apparatus within the wing walls upstream or from a boat 200 feet downstream from said spillway structure; it shall be unlawful to operate or float in a boat, Personal Watercraft or any other floating apparatus 175 feet upstream or 75 feet downstream of Lowhead Dam on the Pearl River in Leake or Madison Counties; it shall be unlawful for any Person to occupy any part of the causeway across Pelahatchie Bay in Rankin County, or any dike, groin, jetty, levy or mole appurtenant thereto.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any Person to be towed on a tube or other towable device within the Reservoir unless such Person is wearing a U.S. Coast Guard approved flotation device.

(c) Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars ($50.00) or more than Two-Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00) or imprisonment in the County Jail not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or both, such fine and imprisonment as determined by the Court.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 3: Swimming, Water Skiing, Towing of Devices.

Rule 3.1 Swimming, Water Skiing, Towing of Devices. It shall be unlawful for any Person to engage in water-contact recreation within the Reservoir in violation of the following regulations:

(a) Swimming, wading or floating in the Reservoir within one quarter mile of the spillway of the dam or any boat launching ramp is prohibited.

(b) Water skiing or the pulling or towing by boat of any device in the Reservoir within a distance of one-quarter mile of the spillway of the dam, in all maintained boat channels and harbors (including those within residential developments in the Reservoir Project Area) or in any area restricted by posted signs is prohibited.

(c) Water skiing or the pulling or towing by a boat of any device on the Reservoir after sundown and before daylight is prohibited.

(d) Pulling or towing by a boat of any device (including but not limited to skis, air filled tubes and float boards) used for sustaining or supporting of any person on the Reservoir upstream from Mississippi State Highway No. 43 is prohibited, unless the tow rope or line is held in the hands of the person sustained or supported and is not attached to the device being pulled or towed.

(e) Pulling or towing by a boat of more than one person or device on the Reservoir upstream from Mississippi State Highway No. 43 is prohibited.

(f) The use of kite tubes, kite boarding or any participation in tube kiting is prohibited in the Reservoir.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 3.2 *Penalty.* Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 4: Fishing.

Rule 4.1 *Restriction of Location.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to fish from any part of the spillway structure of the main dam of the Reservoir or from a boat within the wing walls upstream or from a boat 200 feet downstream from said spillway structure; it shall be unlawful for any Person to fish from any part of the causeway across Pelahatchie Bay in Rankin County, or from any dike, groin, jetty, levy or mole appurtenant thereto.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 4.2 *Restriction of Trotlines, Throw Lines, Set Hooks or Jugs.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to use trotlines, throw lines, or set hooks and jugs in the following portions of the Ross Barnett Reservoir:

(a) That portion of the main lake of the Ross Barnett Reservoir lying south of a line between the point where Twin Harbor channel enters the main lake of the Reservoir under the Natchez Trace on the Madison County side of the Reservoir and the Fannin Landing boat launching ramp in Rankin County, Mississippi;

(b) That portion of Pelahatchie Bay lying south and west of the main Pelahatchie Bay navigation channel and east of the Causeway crossing Pelahatchie Bay to Spillway Road;

(c) Any area of the main lake, Pelahatchie Bay or river lake lying within 100 yards of any sandbar or any public boat launching facility;

(d) Waters within any marked navigational channel between the State Highway 43 bridge and Ratliff Ferry in Madison County, Mississippi; and

(e) Legal sport fishing with trotlines, throw lines, or set hooks and jugs may be conducted in all other waters of the Ross Barnett Reservoir in accordance with regulations from time to time promulgated by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 4.3 *Penalty.* Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars ($100.00).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 5: Firearms and Hunting.

Rule 5.1 *Use of Firearms.*

(a) It shall be unlawful to fire any pistol, rifle or shotgun (using slugs, buckshot or loads heavier than number four shot) within the Reservoir Project Area. Primitive weapons as defined by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks may be used in designated areas. It shall be unlawful to discharge any firearm within one quarter mile of any commercial or residential development.

(b) It shall be unlawful to possess any firearm, air rifle, BB gun or primitive weapon in a day-use public park within the Reservoir Project Area except as otherwise specifically permitted by applicable state law.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 5.2 *Hunting.*

(a) Hunting is not allowed within the Reservoir Project Area on or south of the Twin Harbor area (§1&2, T7N, R2E, Madison Co.) including any land south of the main dam.

(b) Hunting is not allowed within the Reservoir Project Area south and east of Arbor Landing (§29, T7N, R3E, Rankin Co.) including land surrounding Pelahatchie Bay and south of the main dam except bow hunting only is allowed within the Reservoir Project Area east of Hwy 471 and south of Pelahatchie Creek.

(c) Hunting is not allowed within the Reservoir Project Area in the Goshen Springs area (South ½ §20; and all of §§ 29, 30 & 32, T8N, R4E, Rankin Co.).

(d) Primitive Weapons as defined by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks are allowed within the Reservoir Project Area south of the Natchez Trace and east of the Twin Harbor Channel (North ½, §12, T7N, R2E, Madison Co.), known as Found Rabbit, Brown's Landing (East of the Natchez Trace and South of Hwy 43) and west of the Natchez Trace north of Woods Road, known as Catfish Landing.

(e) Rules and regulations pertaining to hunting and fishing in the area known as the Pearl River Wildlife Management Area, north of Highway 43 in Madison County, under lease to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall be established, promulgated and enforced by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

(f) No hunting is allowed within Coal Bluff Park and Leake County Water Park.

(g) Hunting within season is allowed within that portion of the Reservoir Project Area not listed or restricted above, provided no pistol, rifle or shotgun (using slugs, buckshot or loads heavier than number four shot) is used. Primitive Weapons are permitted.

(h) A map of the hunting areas within the Reservoir Project Area is available at the office of the District located at 115 Madison Landing Circle, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 as well as other locations.

(i) Nothing contained herein shall conflict with the rules and regulations of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and such rules shall control in the event of conflict.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 5.3 *Penalty.* Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) and/or imprisonment in the County Jail not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or both, such fine and imprisonment as determined by the Court.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 6: Disposal or Abandonment of Waste, Rubbish, Garbage and Other Property In or Upon Reservoir Project Area; Possession of Glass Containers.

Rule 6.1 *(a) Prohibition of Disposal.* It shall be unlawful for any Person, firm or corporation to deposit, dump, leave or abandon any waste, rubbish, garbage or other property (including but not limited to cans, bottles, jars, glass, paper, plastic, styrofoam, wood, metal, rubber or other natural or synthetic material) in or upon any of the public parks, public recreation areas, public boat ramps, public buildings and grounds, or public streets and rights of way within

the Reservoir Project Area, or within sixty feet of any such property, or in or upon any dike, levee, groin, jetty or mole appurtenant to the waters within the Reservoir Project Area, or in or upon any waters within the Reservoir Project Area, or in or upon any parking area for motor vehicles maintained for patrons of commercial or recreational establishments on premises held under lease from the District.

(b) Possession of Glass Beverage Containers. It shall be unlawful for any Person to possess, put, throw, dump or leave on any portion of the Reservoir Project Area inundated by water, or within any public park, public boat ramp or public recreational area, any glass beverage container to include but not limited to beer, wine, spirits, sports drink, soda, etc.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 6.2 *Disposal From Watercraft.* It shall be unlawful for any Person, firm or corporation to dispose of sewage, garbage or refuse from watercraft in the waters of the District except in accordance with the provisions hereof.

(a) Toilet - no marine toilet, heads, sink, shower, bathtub, washing machine or other device on any water craft may be operated so as to discharge sewage directly or indirectly to the waters of the District.

(b) Holding tank - all marine toilets, heads, sink, shower, bathtub, washing machine or other such devices on watercraft shall be provided with a holding tank or holding tanks of sufficient capacity to prevent discharge of sewage into the District's waters.

(c) Disposal of sewage - all sewage within a holding tank shall be disposed of only at facilities approved for such purpose by the District.

(d) Holding tank construction - all sewage holding tanks shall be durable, water tight, non- absorbent, sealed or locked in a manner approved by the District, and maintained in good repair.

(e) Holding tank discharge lines - discharge lines from sewage-holding tanks shall be readily accessible above the maximum load water line and quick coupling devices provided. Discharge line connection shall be sized and fitted so as to preclude the possibility of attaching a potable water hose thereto.

(f) Garbage and other refuse - garbage and other refuse shall not be discharged or emptied from any watercraft into District waters or on the adjacent shore. All garbage and refuse shall be stored aboard the water craft in leak-proof, non-absorbent containers with tight-fitting lids and disposed of only at designated disposal sites provided on shore.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 6.3 *Residential Use.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to use any watercraft as a residence unless such watercraft has a functional toilet. Residential use shall include occupancy

by one or more Persons as a temporary or permanent residence but shall not include occasional overnight or weekend accommodation.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 6.4 *Monthly Pump Out.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to use any watercraft as a residence unless the holding tank on the watercraft is pumped out at least once each calendar month. Evidence of compliance in the form of a certificate from the operator of a marina within the Reservoir Project Area shall be maintained on the watercraft.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 6.5 *Annual Sanitary System Inspection.* The owner of any watercraft with a marine toilet, heads, sink, shower, bathtub, washing machine, holding tank or other device shall obtain annually a sanitary system inspection from the District and have proof of current inspection certificate prominently displayed at all times the watercraft is in the Reservoir. The District shall charge an inspection fee in the amount set, from time to time, by the Board and included in its official minutes. The inspection will be payable by the owner of any watercraft prior to issuance of the inspection certificate.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 6.6 *Right of Inspection.* The District and its agents shall have full authority to inspect all watercraft found in the District's waters to insure compliance with this regulation and to remove such watercraft from the Reservoir if found in violation hereof. If any watercraft is not in compliance with this regulation and a further inspection or inspections are required to determine proper compliance, the owner of the watercraft shall pay the District a fee for each follow-up inspection in the amount set, from time to time, by the Board and included in its official minutes.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 6.7 *Prohibition Against Junk or Scrap.* It shall be unlawful for any Person, firm or corporation occupying or in possession of real property within the Reservoir Project Area, as lessee, sublessee or permittee or otherwise, to suffer or permit any non-functional automobile, boat, trailer, appliance, or part thereof, or any other item commonly classified as junk or scrap, to be and remain on such real property within view from any public highway, road or street, any public park, public recreation area or public boat ramp for a period in excess of 30 days.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 6.8 *Prohibition Against Outdoor Burning.* Outdoor burning of any material within the Reservoir Project Area is prohibited other than (i) charcoal or other material intended for cooking provided the material is maintained in an enclosed grill or container; (ii) charcoal, prepared logs or wood in enclosed containers designed to provide outdoor heat provided spark protection is provided; (iii) material intended for cooking in covered pits provided the pits do not exceed four feet in diameter, length or width; and (iv) the District may continue prescribed burns as part of its forestry management and property development programs. The term "material"

includes debris, leaves, limbs, brush, vegetation, construction debris, business trash and all other smoke producing materials.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 6.9 *Penalty.* Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 7: Operation of Public Parks, Public Recreation Areas, Public Boat Launching Facilities, Public Fishing Piers, Public Parking Areas; Consumption of Alcohol.

Rule 7.1 *Posted Notice for Times of Opening/Closing.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to enter upon or remain within or otherwise occupy any public park, public recreation area, public boat launching facility, public fishing pier or public parking area within the Reservoir Project Area, except during such months, days and hours as shall be posted at each specific public park, public recreation area, public boat launching facility, public fishing pier or public parking area. Persons engaged in hunting or fishing activities may use public boat launching facilities, fishing piers and adjacent public parking areas at Madison Boat Ramp, North Fishing Jetty, designated fishing areas on either side of the Pearl River south of Bob Anthony Parkway, Goshen Springs Boat Launch, Rankin Boat Ramp & Fishing Pier, Pelahatchie Shore Boat Ramp, Pelahatchie Bay Boat Launch & Fishing Pier, Fannin Landing Boat Launch, Hwy 43 Fishing Pier, Safe Harbor Boat Launch, West Pipeline Road (Rankin County) Boat Launches (when access is available), Brown's Landing, Ratliff Ferry Boat Launch, Coal Bluff Boat Launch, Lowhead Dam Boat Launch, Leake County Water Park Boat Launch and Highway 13 Boat Launch at any time incident to actual hunting or fishing activities.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 7.2 *Traffic Control Fee.* It shall be unlawful for any Person other than an occupant of a vehicle for which the fee established pursuant to Part 203 Rule 1.3 has been paid, to enter in or upon or to remain within any public park or public recreation area within the Reservoir Project Area at any time that an entrance gate to such public park or public recreation area is attended, unless such Person shall have paid the traffic fee as posted at the toll gate for each entrance into such public park or public recreation area.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 7.3 *Emergency Closing Order.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to enter upon, remain within or otherwise occupy any public park (including a neighborhood park), public recreation area, public boat launch (including a neighborhood ramp), public parking area or any other public area within the Reservoir Project Area during any period that any such public area has been ordered to be closed by the General Manager of the District in order to preserve public order or to prevent or lessen the likelihood of riot, civil commotion, disorderly conduct, public nuisance or a threat or danger to the public health, safety or welfare or to the water quality of the Reservoir. The General Manager shall enter in a ledger kept by him for that purpose the time, duration, and reason for any closing of a public area ordered by him.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 7.4 *Vehicular Capacity.* The vehicular capacity of each public park or public recreation area which has an entrance gate shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the District. Each public park and other public recreation area which has an entrance gate or other controllable ingress/egress restriction shall have posted the maximum number of vehicles which may be located in the park or recreation area. It shall be unlawful for any vehicle to enter any public park or public recreation area of the District where an entrance gate is maintained and where a sign is posted indicating that the park or recreation area has reached its maximum vehicular capacity or words of similar meaning. Variance may be authorized by the Board for permitted special events.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 7.5 *Prohibition of Alcoholic Beverages.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to possess or consume beer, wine, liquor or any other alcoholic beverage, including wine coolers, within any public park, public recreation area, public boat launching facility, public fishing pier, public parking area or other public area within the Reservoir Project Area not inundated by the waters of the Reservoir unless authorized in a special permit issued by the Board of Directors of the District. Persons engaged in the act of launching and/or loading or unloading a boat at a launch facility with sealed or closed containers of alcoholic beverages shall be exempt from this ordinance if it is otherwise legal to possess such beverages in the applicable county.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 7.6 *Penalty.* Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars ($100.00).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 8: Keeping Of Animals And Fowl Within The Boundaries Of The District.

Rule 8.1 *Restriction of Animals and Fowl.* It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any wild or domestic animal or fowl (other than natural or naturalized water fowl) to permit the same to run at large on property owned by or leased from the District or to stray from the premises of the owner or keeper or to go upon premises or property owned by or leased from the District or other public or private property unless such animal is attached to a leash or otherwise under the direct, physical or voice control of such owner or keeper. This section shall not apply to the use of dogs for hunting in areas where hunting is otherwise permitted.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 8.2 *Prohibition of Swine and Cattle; Restriction of Horses.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to keep or harbor any swine or cattle on any property owned or leased from the District and no horses shall be kept or maintained on any lot or tract of land composed of less than 3 acres.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 8.3 *Prohibition of Dangerous Animals.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to keep or maintain any vicious, ferocious or dangerous animal unless such animal is kept or maintained solely for security purposes and is at all times kept within an enclosure sufficient to prevent escape and exposure to the public.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 8.4 *Prohibition of Noisy Animals.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to keep or harbor any animal or fowl which by loud, frequent or habitual barking, howling, yelping or other noise or action disturbs any person or persons on property owned by or leased from the District or otherwise creates a nuisance in any manner.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 8.5 *Restriction of Dogs and Cats.* It shall be unlawful to own or keep or harbor any dog or cat three months of age or older on property owned by or leased from the District unless the dog or cat shall have been vaccinated against rabies in accordance with Chapter 53, Title 41, Mississippi Code of 1972, and a metal tag securely braded to the collar containing the serial number of the vaccination and the year in which the dog or cat was inoculated shall be placed and maintained around the neck of said dog or cat at all times.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 8.6 *Identification of Owner of Animal.* It shall be unlawful to own or keep any animal on property owned by or leased from the District unless there is placed and maintained around the neck of such animal a tag containing the name and telephone number of the owner or keeper at all times.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 8.7 *Confinement of Animal.* Any Reservoir Patrol Officer in the course of his duties of investigation of cases in which animals have bitten or scratched a person or other animals shall notify the owner of said animal to surrender the animal to the Reservoir Patrol Officer or otherwise to arrange for the animal to be delivered to the animal shelter in the County where the animal is found (or to such other animal shelter as may be designated from time to time by the District) and kept for a period of not less than 10 days after the biting or scratching of such person or other animal, during which period it shall be determined by a designated official whether such animal is suffering from any disease. If no disease is found, the animal may be released to the owner, provided that the owner produces to a Reservoir Patrol Officer proper evidence of vaccination of the animal for rabies which vaccination must have been administered within 12 months previous to the biting or scratching. Any animal found to be infected with rabies shall be forthwith destroyed by the appropriate officers of the animal shelter or county health department.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 8.8 *Cost of Animal Shelter.* If any dog or other animal is delivered to an animal shelter pursuant to this ordinance, the owner or keeper of such dog or animal shall pay all costs incurred or otherwise charged by the animal shelter prior to release of such dog or animal.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 8.9 *Penalty.* Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not less than $25.00 nor more than $500.00 for each such offense.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 9: Feeding of Geese.

Rule 9.1 *Prohibition.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to feed a Canada goose on property owned by or leased from the District. The term "feed" means providing food in any manner or otherwise making food available, including feeding by hand, leaving food on the ground or in the water, or any other activity designed to provide food for a Canada goose.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 9.2 *Penalty.* Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than $50.00 nor more than $500.00 for each offense.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 10: Feeding of Alligators.

Rule 10.1 *Prohibition.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to feed an alligator on property owned by or leased from the District. The term "feed" means providing food in any manner or otherwise making food available, including feeding by hand, leaving food on the ground or in the water, or any other activity designed to provide food for an alligator.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 10.2 *Penalty.* Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than $50.00 nor more than $500.00 for each offense.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 11: Registered Sex Offenders.

Rule 11.1 *Prohibition and Penalty.* It shall be unlawful for any Person registered as a sex offender under the Mississippi Sex Offenders Registration Law (§§ 45-33-21 to 45-33-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended) to enter or at any time be present within any campground operated by the District, including Timberlake Campground, Goshen Springs Campground, Low Head Dam Campground, Coal Bluff Campground and Leake County Water Park. Each violation of this regulation shall be punishable by a fine of $1,000.00 or by imprisonment not to exceed fifteen days, or both fine and imprisonment, to be determined by the court.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 12: Camping.

Rule 12.1 *General.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to camp within one-half mile of any platted subdivision or on any land posted "No Camping" located within the Reservoir Project Area except on property privately leased and not open to the public. For purposes of this regulation, "camp" or "camping" is defined as residing on or using property for one or more nights for living accommodation purposes, such as sleeping activities or making preparations to sleep or storing personal belongings (including but not limited to clothing, sleeping bags, bedrolls, blankets, backpacks, food, drink, kitchen utensils and similar material), making any fire, erecting any tent or make-shift covering, residing in a parked vehicle or assembling for the purpose of camping. These activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances, that a person(s) is utilizing the space in a manner contrary to this regulation.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 12.2 *Penalty.* Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable be a fine not less than $25.00 nor more than $500.00 for each such offense.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Title 33: River and Waters

Part 203: Regulations Pertaining To Use Of Reservoir Project Area By General Public

Part 203 Chapter 1: Motor Vehicles.

Rule 1.1 *Speed Limits.*

(a) It shall be unlawful for any Person to operate a motor vehicle within the Reservoir Project Area at speeds greater than the following:

(i) On the roadway across the reservoir dam or on the causeway across Pelahatchie Bay in Rankin County, 45 miles per hour, except as provided in Part 203 Rule 1.1 (a) (ii).

(ii) On any roadway over any dike, levy, groin, jetty or mole appurtenant to the reservoir main dam, a maximum of twenty-five (25) miles per hour; except on that portion of the roadway across the reservoir main dam lying between a point five hundred (500) feet westerly of the western abutment of the spillway bridge and a point five hundred feet easterly of the eastern abutment of spillway bridge, a maximum of thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

(iii) On that portion of the roadway across the reservoir main dam lying between a point five hundred (500) feet westerly of the western abutment of the spillway bridge and a point five hundred feet easterly of the eastern abutment of spillway bridge, a minimum of thirty (30) miles per hour.

(iv) On all streets, drives or roadways in any platted subdivision within the Reservoir Project Area, 30 miles per hour.

(v) On all other roads, roadways, streets and drives within the Reservoir Project Area, 45 miles per hour.

(b) Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars ($100.00).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 1.2 *Parking.*

(a) It shall be unlawful for any Person to park an automobile or other vehicle on any part of the reservoir main dam or any dike, levy, groin, jetty, or mole appurtenant thereto, or on the causeway across Pelahatchie Bay in Rankin County or within one hundred (100) feet of any public boat launching ramp, or within any public park or any public recreation area within the Reservoir Project Area, except at places designated for such parking by posted signs, or on any portion of the Reservoir Project Area adjacent to the South and East sides of Rice Road between the diversion canal for Culley/Brashears Creek and the South and East rights-of-way of the Natchez Trace in Madison County. A

vehicle stopped to load or unload passengers or property shall be deemed to be parked for purposes of this regulation.

~~(b) It shall be unlawful for any Person to remain inside a stopped motor vehicle in any park, boat launch, public recreational area or any other portion of the Reservoir Project Area not leased by the District to private Persons and engage in any act which would be unlawful if committed outside of a motor vehicle.~~

(b) ~~(c)~~Any area described in Part 203 Rule 1.2 (a) which is not designated as a parking area may be designated a "Tow Away Zone" by the posting of signs stating "Tow Away Zone-Vehicle Will be Towed Away at Owner's Expense." Any vehicle left unattended in a designated Tow Away Zone may be towed away and held until the owner shall pay the towing charges.

(c) ~~(d)~~It shall be unlawful for any Person to park any automobile or other vehicle within any portion of the Reservoir Project Area identified by a sign or signs stating "NO STOPPING NEXT (stated distance) MILES, Stopped Vehicles will be Towed at Owner's Expense" or similar language. If any Reservoir Patrol officer finds an attended or unattended vehicle parked in violation of this rule, such officer is authorized to provide for the immediate removal of such vehicle to the a storage site or other place of safety, and the owner of the vehicle shall pay all costs of removal, safety inspection and storage prior to obtaining possession of the vehicle.

(d) ~~(e)~~Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 1.3 *Traffic Control at Public Parks of the District.*

(a) It shall be unlawful for any vehicle to enter Lakeshore Park, Old Trace Park or Pelahatchie Shore Park or any other public park of the District where a toll gate is maintained and attended unless the operator or other occupant of the vehicle shall first have paid to the toll gate attendant a traffic fee as posted at the toll gate, not to exceed $3.00 per vehicle, for each entrance into such park, provided that a vehicle for which a traffic fee has been paid may within the same calendar day be allowed to leave and enter such park one time without paying a second fee.

(b) Traffic fees shall be collected at all times during which the toll gate is attended on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays from March 1 through September 30 of each year and on such other days throughout the year as the General Manager may determine.

(c) The term "vehicle" as used in this regulation shall mean without limitation every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported upon a street or highway, except nonmotorized devices designed to be moved solely by human power, and shall include without limitation, automobiles, trucks, jeeps, motorcycles, all

terrain vehicles (ATV), off road vehicles, motor bikes, buses, vans, dirt bikes, and three-wheelers.

(d) Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Fifty Dollars ($50.00).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 1.4 *Vehicle Restrictions.*

(a) It shall be unlawful within the Reservoir Project Area to operate any vehicle on the streets, roads or highways unless such vehicle is in compliance with the Mississippi Uniform Highway Traffic Regulation Law--Equipment and Identification Regulations.

(b) It shall be unlawful within the Reservoir Project Area to operate any vehicle:

(i) Below or down stream of the toe drain below the main dam of the Reservoir in Madison or Hinds County;

(ii) Over or across any portion of any dike, levee, groin, jetty or mole appurtenant to the waters of the Ross Barnett Reservoir or any marina or harbor adjacent thereto, other than along an approved public or private roadway along the top of such dike, levee, groin, jetty, mole or other appurtenant facilities;

(iii) On, over or across any District road that is conspicuously marked "No Vehicles Beyond This Point" at each point of ingress thereto from a public roadway;

(iv) Within, on, over or across any portion of the Reservoir Project Area which is not paved, graveled or otherwise hard surfaced. Dirt roads are not considered "hard surfaced" for purposes of this regulation.

(c) The vehicle restrictions stated in Part 203 Rule 1.4 (b) (iv) above shall not apply to: (i) property within the Reservoir Project Area leased by the District but any use of such property by vehicle operators shall be made only with the permission of and at the sole risk of the lessee(s) of such property; (ii) vehicles which are used for landscape maintenance or gardening purposes provided such vehicles are being operated for such purposes; (iii) construction equipment during the course of construction; (iv) vehicles or equipment used for logging purposes during the course of removing timber; (v) vehicles owned by any agency of the State of Mississippi or of the United States government, or by any city or county as long as the vehicle is being used in the course of employment of the operator; (vi) any all terrain vehicle ("ATV") operated by or used to transport any person 70 years of age or older, or any person with a disability as determined the United States Social Security Administration or the Department of Veteran's Affairs or by any other governmental entity which determines, adjudicates or certifies disabling conditions provided such ATV is being operated for the sole purpose of (aa) accessing public hunting areas for hunting purposes during open seasons or (bb) retrieving game. Persons

exempt under this section are required to have proof of their age or disability status in their possession and available for inspection by law enforcement officers.

(d) The term "all terrain vehicle" as used in this regulation shall mean a motorized, self propelled vehicle designed to travel over unimproved terrain on two or more tires which vehicle is not qualified as suitable for on-road use pursuant to the Mississippi Uniform Highway Traffic Regulation Law--Equipment and Identification Regulations or by the Inspection Regulations as published from time to time by the Mississippi Highway Patrol. The term "vehicle" as used in this regulation shall mean without limitation every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported upon a street or highway, except nonmotorized devices designed to be moved solely by human power, and shall include without limitation, automobiles, trucks, jeeps, motorcycles, all terrain vehicles (ATV), off road vehicles, motor bikes, buses, vans, dirt bikes, and three-wheelers.

(e) Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 2: Boats and Boating.

Rule 2.1 *Operation Of Power Boats In Congested Areas.*

(a) It shall be unlawful for any Person, firm, or corporation to operate any motor boat or other motor vessel in, along or around the Reservoir within the vicinity of any public launching ramp, commercial marina, yacht club or private dock or pier at a rate of speed which will cause a wake, provided that such area shall be conspicuously marked by a sign or signs stating "No Wake" upon entering and leaving such area.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any Person, firm, or corporation to operate any motor boat or other motor vessel in, along or around the following areas in the Reservoir at a rate of speed which will cause a wake: Flag Island, Coal Bluff, Low Head Dam, Eddie's Island and Cut-Thru Pass Island, south of Flag Island, the area under the Northshore Parkway Bridge at Pelahatchie Bay, an area up to 1000 feet east of the shoreline along the Natchez Trace Parkway between the Natchez Trace Overlook and the channel entering NorthBay Subdivision, an area along and east of a line between the western most point of Lakeshore Park and the western most point of Timberlake Campground, an area no more than 100 feet off the shoreline of Old Trace Park, an area no more than 100 feet off the shoreline of Pelahatchie Shore Park, provided that such areas shall be conspicuously marked by a sign or signs stating "No Wake" upon entering and leaving such area.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any Person, firm, or corporation to operate any motor boat or other motor vessel in, along or around any area in the Reservoir at a rate of speed which will cause a wake:

(i) within any area marked with Temporary Emergency "No Wake" signs or buoys;

(ii) within 100 feet of any Law Enforcement Patrol Vessel while the blue beacon warning lights are activated or within 100 feet of any Fire/Rescue Vessel while the red beacon warning lights are activated.

(d) For the purpose of this ordinance a "wake" shall be defined as any change in the vertical height of the water's surface caused by the passage of a vessel including, but not limited to, such craft's bow wave, stern wake or propeller wash. A "No Wake Area" shall mean an area in which a vessel must travel at idle speed so as not to produce a wake.

(e) Each violation of this Regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00) or imprisonment in the County Jail not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or both such fine and imprisonment as determined by the Court.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 2.2 *Mooring and Abandonment of Watercraft.*

(a) It shall be unlawful to moor any house boat, motor boat, cruiser, sailboat or other watercraft in open waters within the Reservoir Project Area except on a temporary basis with the owner or operator aboard.

(b) It shall be unlawful to moor any house boat, motor boat, cruiser, sailboat or other watercraft having an overall length in excess of twenty-seven feet in any waters within the Reservoir Project Area at any place other than at a yacht club harbor or commercial marina, except that watercraft having an overall length in excess of twenty-seven feet may be moored at a private dock or pier provided for that purpose on leased waterfront property for seven or fewer continuous days, for not in excess of thirty total days during a calendar year.

(c) It shall be unlawful to moor any house boat, motor boat, cruiser, sailboat or other watercraft having an overall length of twenty-seven feet or less in any waters within the Reservoir Project Area for longer than twelve hours at any place other than a yacht club harbor, a commercial marina, or a private dock or pier provided for that purpose on leased waterfront property.

(d) It shall be unlawful to leave or abandon any watercraft in a waterlogged or sunk condition, or to moor any watercraft in any waters within the Reservoir Project Area at any place other than as provided in Part 203 Rule 2.2 (a), (b) or (c).

(e) A representative of the District may remove any watercraft moored in violation of this Part 203 Rule 2.2 and the District may recover its costs of such removal from either the owner or operator of the watercraft, or in part from both the owner and the operator of the watercraft.

(f) Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 2.3 Operation of Motorboats On The Ross Barnett Reservoir Which Are Not Equipped With Water Injected Exhaust Prohibited.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any Person, firm or corporation to operate on the Reservoir or on any property owned by the District any inboard motorboat which does not discharge the exhaust from each engine either through an exhaust pipe extending below the surface of the water under normal operating conditions or through a water injection muffling system or other muffling device. It shall be unlawful for any Person, firm, or corporation to operate any motorboat on the Reservoir or on any property owned by the District under any condition or in any manner which causes the noise level to exceed 86 decibels at a distance of 50 feet from the source of the noise. This regulation shall not apply to motorboats which are competing in authorized races or regattas and related events held upon the Reservoir with the approval of the District.

(b) Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not less than $50.00 nor more than $100.00 as determined by the court. For purposes of this regulation a violation shall not be deemed continuing, but each unlawful operation of a motorboat shall constitute a separate offense.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 2.4 Operation of Power Boats In General.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any Person to occupy any part of the spillway structure of the main dam of the Reservoir or operate or float in boat, Personal Watercraft or any other floating apparatus within the wing walls upstream or from a boat 200 feet downstream from said spillway structure; it shall be unlawful to operate or float in a boat, Personal Watercraft or any other floating apparatus 175 feet upstream or 75 feet downstream of Lowhead Dam on the Pearl River in Leake or Madison Counties; it shall be unlawful for any Person to occupy any part of the causeway across Pelahatchie Bay in Rankin County, or any dike, groin, jetty, levy or mole appurtenant thereto.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any Person to be towed on a tube or other towable device within the Reservoir unless such Person is wearing a U.S. Coast Guard approved flotation device.

(c) Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars ($50.00) or more than Two-Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00) or imprisonment in the County Jail not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or both, such fine and imprisonment as determined by the Court.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 3: Swimming, Water Skiing, Towing of Devices.

Rule 3.1 *Swimming, Water Skiing, Towing of Devices.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to engage in water-contact recreation within the Reservoir in violation of the following regulations:

(a) Swimming, wading or floating in the Reservoir within one quarter mile of the spillway of the dam or any boat launching ramp is prohibited.

(b) Water skiing or the pulling or towing by boat of any device in the Reservoir within a distance of one-quarter mile of the spillway of the dam, in all maintained boat channels and harbors (including those within residential developments in the Reservoir Project Area) or in any area restricted by posted signs is prohibited.

(c) Water skiing or the pulling or towing by a boat of any device on the Reservoir after sundown and before daylight is prohibited.

(d) Pulling or towing by a boat of any device (including but not limited to skis, air filled tubes and float boards) used for sustaining or supporting of any person on the Reservoir upstream from Mississippi State Highway No. 43 is prohibited, unless the tow rope or line is held in the hands of the person sustained or supported and is not attached to the device being pulled or towed.

(e) Pulling or towing by a boat of more than one person or device on the Reservoir upstream from Mississippi State Highway No. 43 is prohibited.

(f) The use of kite tubes, kite boarding or any participation in tube kiting is prohibited in the Reservoir.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 3.2 *Penalty.* Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 4: Fishing.

Rule 4.1 *Restriction of Location.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to fish from any part of the spillway structure of the main dam of the Reservoir or from a boat within the wing walls upstream or from a boat 200 feet downstream from said spillway structure; it shall be unlawful for any Person to fish from any part of the causeway across Pelahatchie Bay in Rankin County, or from any dike, groin, jetty, levy or mole appurtenant thereto.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 4.2 *Restriction of Trotlines, Throw Lines, Set Hooks or Jugs.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to use trotlines, throw lines, or set hooks and jugs in the following portions of the Ross Barnett Reservoir:

(a) That portion of the main lake of the Ross Barnett Reservoir lying south of a line between the point where Twin Harbor channel enters the main lake of the Reservoir under the Natchez Trace on the Madison County side of the Reservoir and the Fannin Landing boat launching ramp in Rankin County, Mississippi;

(b) That portion of Pelahatchie Bay lying south and west of the main Pelahatchie Bay navigation channel and east of the Causeway crossing Pelahatchie Bay to Spillway Road;

(c) Any area of the main lake, Pelahatchie Bay or river lake lying within 100 yards of any sandbar or any public boat launching facility;

(d) Waters within any marked navigational channel between the State Highway 43 bridge and Ratliff Ferry in Madison County, Mississippi; and

(e) Legal sport fishing with trotlines, throw lines, or set hooks and jugs may be conducted in all other waters of the Ross Barnett Reservoir in accordance with regulations from time to time promulgated by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 4.3 *Penalty.* Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars ($100.00).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 5: Firearms and Hunting.

Rule 5.1 *Use of Firearms.*

(a) It shall be unlawful to fire any pistol, rifle or shotgun (using slugs, buckshot or loads heavier than number four shot) within the Reservoir Project Area. Primitive weapons as defined by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks may be used in designated areas. It shall be unlawful to discharge any firearm within one quarter mile of any commercial or residential development.

(b) It shall be unlawful to possess any firearm, air rifle, BB gun or primitive weapon in a day-use public park within the Reservoir Project Area <u>except as otherwise specifically permitted by applicable state law</u>.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 5.2 *Hunting.*

(a) Hunting is not allowed within the Reservoir Project Area on or south of the Twin Harbor area (§1&2, T7N, R2E, Madison Co.) including any land south of the main dam.

(b) Hunting is not allowed within the Reservoir Project Area south and east of Arbor Landing (§29, T7N, R3E, Rankin Co.) including land surrounding Pelahatchie Bay and south of the main dam except bow hunting only is allowed within the Reservoir Project Area east of Hwy 471 and south of Pelahatchie Creek.

(c) Hunting is not allowed within the Reservoir Project Area in the Goshen Springs area (South ½ §20; and all of §§ 29, 30 & 32, T8N, R4E, Rankin Co.).

(d) Primitive Weapons as defined by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks are allowed within the Reservoir Project Area south of the Natchez Trace and east of the Twin Harbor Channel (North ½, §12, T7N, R2E, Madison Co.), known as Found Rabbit, Brown's Landing (East of the Natchez Trace and South of Hwy 43) and west of the Natchez Trace north of Woods Road, known as Catfish Landing.

(e) Rules and regulations pertaining to hunting and fishing in the area known as the Pearl River Wildlife Management Area, north of Highway 43 in Madison County, under lease to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall be established, promulgated and enforced by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

(f) No hunting is allowed within Coal Bluff Park and Leake County Water Park.

(g) Hunting within season is allowed within that portion of the Reservoir Project Area not listed or restricted above, provided no pistol, rifle or shotgun (using slugs, buckshot or loads heavier than number four shot) is used. Primitive Weapons are permitted.

(h) A map of the hunting areas within the Reservoir Project Area is available at the office of the District located at 115 Madison Landing Circle, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 as well as other locations.

(i) Nothing contained herein shall conflict with the rules and regulations of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and such rules shall control in the event of conflict.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 5.3 *Penalty.* Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) and/or imprisonment in the County Jail not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or both, such fine and imprisonment as determined by the Court.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter6: Disposal or Abandonment of Waste, Rubbish, Garbage and Other Property In or Upon Reservoir Project Area; Possession of Glass Containers.

Rule 6.1 *(a) Prohibition of Disposal.* It shall be unlawful for any Person, firm or corporation to deposit, dump, leave or abandon any waste, rubbish, garbage or other property (including but not limited to cans, bottles, jars, glass, paper, plastic, styrofoam, wood, metal, rubber or other natural or synthetic material) in or upon any of the public parks, public recreation areas, public boat ramps, public buildings and grounds, or public streets and rights of way within the Reservoir Project Area, or within sixty feet of any such property, or in or upon any dike, levee, groin, jetty or mole appurtenant to the waters within the Reservoir Project Area, or in or upon any waters within the Reservoir Project Area, or in or upon any parking area for motor vehicles maintained for patrons of commercial or recreational establishments on premises held under lease from the District.

(b) Possession of Glass Beverage Containers. It shall be unlawful for any Person to possess, put, throw, dump or leave on any portion of the Reservoir Project Area inundated by water, or within any public park, public boat ramp or public recreational area, any glass ~~container, including bottles, jars, glassware or broken glass~~beverage container to include but not limited to beer, wine, spirits, sports drink, soda, etc.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 6.2 *Disposal From Watercraft.* It shall be unlawful for any Person, firm or corporation to dispose of sewage, garbage or refuse from watercraft in the waters of the District except in accordance with the provisions hereof.

(a) Toilet - no marine toilet, heads, sink, shower, bathtub, washing machine or other device on any water craft may be operated so as to discharge sewage directly or indirectly to the waters of the District.

(b) Holding tank - all marine toilets, heads, sink, shower, bathtub, washing machine or other such devices on watercraft shall be provided with a holding tank or holding tanks of sufficient capacity to prevent discharge of sewage into the District's waters.

(c) Disposal of sewage - all sewage within a holding tank shall be disposed of only at facilities approved for such purpose by the District.

(d) Holding tank construction - all sewage holding tanks shall be durable, water tight, non- absorbent, sealed or locked in a manner approved by the District, and maintained in good repair.

(e) Holding tank discharge lines - discharge lines from sewage-holding tanks shall be readily accessible above the maximum load water line and quick coupling devices provided. Discharge line connection shall be sized and fitted so as to preclude the possibility of attaching a potable water hose thereto.

(f) Garbage and other refuse - garbage and other refuse shall not be discharged or emptied from any watercraft into District waters or on the adjacent shore. All garbage and refuse shall be stored aboard the water craft in leak-proof, non-absorbent containers with tight-fitting lids and disposed of only at designated disposal sites provided on shore.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 6.3 *Residential Use.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to use any watercraft as a residence unless such watercraft has a functional toilet. Residential use shall include occupancy by one or more Persons as a temporary or permanent residence but shall not include occasional overnight or weekend accommodation.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 6.4 *Monthly Pump Out.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to use any watercraft as a residence unless the holding tank on the watercraft is pumped out at least once each calendar month. Evidence of compliance in the form of a certificate from the operator of a marina within the Reservoir Project Area shall be maintained on the watercraft.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 6.5 *Annual Sanitary System Inspection.* The owner of any watercraft with a marine toilet, heads, sink, shower, bathtub, washing machine, holding tank or other device shall obtain annually a sanitary system inspection from the District and have proof of current inspection certificate prominently displayed at all times the watercraft is in the Reservoir. The District shall charge an inspection fee in the amount set, from time to time, by the Board and included in its official minutes. The inspection will be payable by the owner of any watercraft prior to issuance of the inspection certificate.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 6.6 *Right of Inspection.* The District and its agents shall have full authority to inspect all watercraft found in the District's waters to insure compliance with this regulation and to remove such watercraft from the Reservoir if found in violation hereof. If any watercraft is not in compliance with this regulation and a further inspection or inspections are required to determine proper compliance, the owner of the watercraft shall pay the District a fee for each follow-up inspection in the amount set, from time to time, by the Board and included in its official minutes.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 6.7 *Prohibition Against Junk or Scrap.* It shall be unlawful for any Person, firm or corporation occupying or in possession of real property within the Reservoir Project Area, as lessee, sublessee or permittee or otherwise, to suffer or permit any non-functional automobile, boat, trailer, appliance, or part thereof, or any other item commonly classified as junk or scrap, to be and remain on such real property within view from any public highway, road or street, any public park, public recreation area or public boat ramp for a period in excess of 30 days.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 6.8 *Prohibition Against Outdoor Burning.* Outdoor burning of any material within the Reservoir Project Area is prohibited other than (i) charcoal or other material intended for cooking provided the material is maintained in an enclosed grill or container; (ii) charcoal, prepared logs or wood in enclosed containers designed to provide outdoor heat provided spark protection is provided; (iii) material intended for cooking in covered pits provided the pits do not exceed four feet in diameter, length or width; and (iv) the District may continue prescribed burns as part of its forestry management and property development programs. The term "material" includes debris, leaves, limbs, brush, vegetation, construction debris, business trash and all other smoke producing materials.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 6.9 *Penalty.* Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 7: Operation of Public Parks, Public Recreation Areas, Public Boat Launching Facilities, Public Fishing Piers, Public Parking Areas; Consumption of Alcohol.

Rule 7.1 *Posted Notice for Times of Opening/Closing.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to enter upon or remain within or otherwise occupy any public park, public recreation area, public boat launching facility, public fishing pier or public parking area within the Reservoir Project Area, except during such months, days and hours as shall be posted at each specific public park, public recreation area, public boat launching facility, public fishing pier or public parking area. Persons engaged in hunting or fishing activities may use public boat launching facilities, fishing piers and adjacent public parking areas at Madison Boat Ramp, North Fishing Jetty, designated fishing areas on either side of the Pearl River south of Bob Anthony Parkway, Goshen Springs Boat Launch, Rankin Boat Ramp & Fishing Pier, Pelahatchie Shore Boat Ramp, Pelahatchie Bay Boat Launch & Fishing Pier, Fannin Landing Boat Launch, Hwy 43 Fishing Pier, Safe Harbor Boat Launch, West Pipeline Road (Rankin County) Boat Launches (when access is available), Brown's Landing, Ratliff Ferry Boat Launch, Coal Bluff Boat Launch, Lowhead Dam Boat Launch, Leake County Water Park Boat Launch and Highway 13 Boat Launch at any time incident to actual hunting or fishing activities.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 7.2 *Traffic Control Fee.* It shall be unlawful for any Person other than an occupant of a vehicle for which the fee established pursuant to Part 203 Rule 1.3 has been paid, to enter in or upon or to remain within any public park or public recreation area within the Reservoir Project Area at any time that an entrance gate to such public park or public recreation area is attended, unless such Person shall have paid the traffic fee as posted at the toll gate for each entrance into such public park or public recreation area.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 7.3 *Emergency Closing Order.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to enter upon, remain within or otherwise occupy any public park (including a neighborhood park), public recreation area, public boat launch (including a neighborhood ramp), public parking area or any other public area within the Reservoir Project Area during any period that any such public area has been ordered to be closed by the General Manager of the District in order to preserve public order or to prevent or lessen the likelihood of riot, civil commotion, disorderly conduct, public nuisance or a threat or danger to the public health, safety or welfare or to the water quality of the Reservoir. The General Manager shall enter in a ledger kept by him for that purpose the time, duration, and reason for any closing of a public area ordered by him.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 7.4 *Vehicular Capacity.* The vehicular capacity of each public park or public recreation area which has an entrance gate shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the District. Each public park and other public recreation area which has an entrance gate or other controllable ingress/egress restriction shall have posted the maximum number of vehicles which may be located in the park or recreation area. It shall be unlawful for any vehicle to enter any public park or public recreation area of the District where an entrance gate is maintained and where a sign is posted indicating that the park or recreation area has reached its maximum vehicular capacity or words of similar meaning. Variance may be authorized by the Board for permitted special events.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 7.5 *Prohibition of Alcoholic Beverages.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to possess or consume beer, wine, liquor or any other alcoholic beverage, including wine coolers, within any public park, public recreation area, public boat launching facility, public fishing pier, public parking area or other public area within the Reservoir Project Area not inundated by the waters of the Reservoir unless authorized in a special permit issued by the Board of Directors of the District. Persons engaged in the act of launching and/or loading or unloading a boat at a launch facility with sealed or closed containers of alcoholic beverages shall be exempt from this ordinance if it is otherwise legal to possess such beverages in the applicable county.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 7.6 *Penalty.* Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars ($100.00).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 8: Keeping Of Animals And Fowl Within The Boundaries Of The District.

Rule 8.1 *Restriction of Animals and Fowl.* It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any wild or domestic animal or fowl (other than natural or naturalized water fowl) to permit the same to run at large on property owned by or leased from the District or to stray from the premises of the owner or keeper or to go upon premises or property owned by or leased from the District or other public or private property unless such animal is attached to a leash or otherwise

under the direct, physical or voice control of such owner or keeper. This section shall not apply to the use of dogs for hunting in areas where hunting is otherwise permitted.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 8.2 *Prohibition of Swine and Cattle; Restriction of Horses.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to keep or harbor any swine or cattle on any property owned or leased from the District and no horses shall be kept or maintained on any lot or tract of land composed of less than 3 acres.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 8.3 *Prohibition of Dangerous Animals.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to keep or maintain any vicious, ferocious or dangerous animal unless such animal is kept or maintained solely for security purposes and is at all times kept within an enclosure sufficient to prevent escape and exposure to the public.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 8.4 *Prohibition of Noisy Animals.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to keep or harbor any animal or fowl which by loud, frequent or habitual barking, howling, yelping or other noise or action disturbs any person or persons on property owned by or leased from the District or otherwise creates a nuisance in any manner.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 8.5 *Restriction of Dogs and Cats.* It shall be unlawful to own or keep or harbor any dog or cat three months of age or older on property owned by or leased from the District unless the dog or cat shall have been vaccinated against rabies in accordance with Chapter 53, Title 41, Mississippi Code of 1972, and a metal tag securely braded to the collar containing the serial number of the vaccination and the year in which the dog or cat was inoculated shall be placed and maintained around the neck of said dog or cat at all times.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 8.6 *Identification of Owner of Animal.* It shall be unlawful to own or keep any animal on property owned by or leased from the District unless there is placed and maintained around the neck of such animal a tag containing the name and telephone number of the owner or keeper at all times.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 8.7 *Confinement of Animal.* Any Reservoir Patrol Officer in the course of his duties of investigation of cases in which animals have bitten or scratched a person or other animals shall notify the owner of said animal to surrender the animal to the Reservoir Patrol Officer or otherwise to arrange for the animal to be delivered to the animal shelter in the County where the animal is found (or to such other animal shelter as may be designated from time to time by the District) and kept for a period of not less than 10 days after the biting or scratching of such

person or other animal, during which period it shall be determined by a designated official whether such animal is suffering from any disease. If no disease is found, the animal may be released to the owner, provided that the owner produces to a Reservoir Patrol Officer proper evidence of vaccination of the animal for rabies which vaccination must have been administered within 12 months previous to the biting or scratching. Any animal found to be infected with rabies shall be forthwith destroyed by the appropriate officers of the animal shelter or county health department.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 8.8 *Cost of Animal Shelter.* If any dog or other animal is delivered to an animal shelter pursuant to this ordinance, the owner or keeper of such dog or animal shall pay all costs incurred or otherwise charged by the animal shelter prior to release of such dog or animal.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 8.9 *Penalty.* Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not less than $25.00 nor more than $500.00 for each such offense.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 9: Feeding of Geese.

Rule 9.1 *Prohibition.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to feed a Canada goose on property owned by or leased from the District. The term "feed" means providing food in any manner or otherwise making food available, including feeding by hand, leaving food on the ground or in the water, or any other activity designed to provide food for a Canada goose.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 9.2 *Penalty.* Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than $50.00 nor more than $500.00 for each offense.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 10: Feeding of Alligators.

Rule 10.1 *Prohibition.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to feed an alligator on property owned by or leased from the District. The term "feed" means providing food in any manner or otherwise making food available, including feeding by hand, leaving food on the ground or in the water, or any other activity designed to provide food for an alligator.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 10.2 *Penalty.* Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than $50.00 nor more than $500.00 for each offense.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 11: Registered Sex Offenders.

Rule 11.1 *Prohibition and Penalty.* It shall be unlawful for any Person registered as a sex offender under the Mississippi Sex Offenders Registration Law (§§ 45-33-21 to 45-33-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended) to enter or at any time be present within any campground operated by the District, including Timberlake Campground, Goshen Springs Campground, Low Head Dam Campground, Coal Bluff Campground and Leake County Water Park. Each violation of this regulation shall be punishable by a fine of $1,000.00 or by imprisonment not to exceed fifteen days, or both fine and imprisonment, to be determined by the court.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Part 203 Chapter 12: Camping.

Rule 12.1 *General.* It shall be unlawful for any Person to camp within one-half mile of any platted subdivision or on any land posted "No Camping" located within the Reservoir Project Area except on property privately leased and not open to the public. For purposes of this regulation, "camp" or "camping" is defined as residing on or using property for one or more nights for living accommodation purposes, such as sleeping activities or making preparations to sleep or storing personal belongings (including but not limited to clothing, sleeping bags, bedrolls, blankets, backpacks, food, drink, kitchen utensils and similar material), making any fire, erecting any tent or make-shift covering, residing in a parked vehicle or assembling for the purpose of camping. These activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances, that a person(s) is utilizing the space in a manner contrary to this regulation.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)

Rule 12.2 *Penalty.* Each violation of this regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable be a fine not less than $25.00 nor more than $500.00 for each such offense.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §* 51-9-127 (Rev. 2000)