

## CHAPTER 91: SYMPSON LAKE

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## 91.00 DEFINITIONS.

No-Wake or Idle Speed – minimum speed at which one can maintain directional control of the boat, but in no circumstances to exceed five (5) mph.

## 91.01 ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The following sections of this chapter shall govern the use of a lake containing approximately 200 acres located about two miles west of the city known as "Simpson Lake", which is under the control of the city. They shall also govern the use of the land surrounding the lake that is owned by the city.

Boating and fishing on Simpson Lake is also governed by Kentucky Revised Statutes and Kentucky Administrative Regulations, including Chapter 235 and 301 KAR 6:030.

## 91.02 USE AND PRIVILEGE.

The city assumes no responsibility for any use of Simpson Lake except the maintenance, control, and operation of same as a principal part of its water department and distribution system and where other uses are permitted, such uses shall be deemed a strict privilege. The city assumes no responsibility whatsoever for loss, injury, or destruction to persons or property, whatever the cause, because of the exercise of such privilege which shall be subject to revocation at anytime without notice and without payment of compensation or return of any fee.

## 91.03 REGULATIONS AND LIMITATIONS.

All persons exercising any privilege in or upon Simpson Lake, when the privilege is permitted and authorized together with all vehicles, boats, and equipment used in connection with the exercise of the privilege shall be subject to all regulations, limitations, restrictions, and penalties hereinafter contained or hereafter passed. All of which shall be subject to inspection at all times.

## 91.04 BOATS AND BOATING.

- A. No boat shall be launched or operated except those licensed and equipped in accordance with state laws and regulations.
- B. No boat shall be launched or removed except at those locations designated from time to time for that purpose and loading and unloading of boats and passengers shall be limited in time to five minutes.
- C. No boat shall be greater in length than 20 feet.
- D. No boat shall be permitted to remain in the water unattended overnight.
- E. No person under the age of 16 years shall operate a boat on the lake unless accompanied by a person 16 years or older.
- F. No boat shall be operated in a careless, negligent, or such manner as to constitute a danger to persons or property.

- G. No boat shall be operated with more passengers than is reasonably safe considering existing circumstances and no more than six persons shall occupy any boat at anytime.
- H. No boat shall operate at greater than a no-wake or idle speed on any part of the lake.
- I. No jet skis, hydroplanes or racing boats or hulls shall be allowed on the lake at anytime.
- J. No boat shall be permitted upon the lake without a permit issued.
- K. Boating and public access to the lake and designated city property around the lake, shall be daily, only from one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset.

#### 91.05 RESTRICTED AREA.

- A. No boating shall be permitted in any area designated as a restricted area.
- B. No boat shall be operated within 200 feet of any dam forming a lake or spillway.
- C. No skiing or boating shall be permitted on Rodgers Run Branch, this area is restricted to fishing only.

#### 91.06 SKIING.

- A. No person shall engage in water skiing, unless two persons of age of 16 years or more are in the boat towing such skier.
- B. Skiers shall wear life jackets of a type approved by the U.S. Coast Guard, and must abide by all laws and regulations concerning water skiing.
- C. A person shall not water ski or tow a person water skiing within 2,000 feet of the dam, or in waters posted or marked as a no skiing, wake speed only, or restricted area.
- D. Water skiing is permitted only between 10:00am and sunset.

#### 91.07 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES;

The use and possession of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances (drugs) in or upon the lake or municipally owned property is prohibited.

#### 91.08 LITTERING.

Any person or persons found guilty of littering upon the lake, lake property, or roads leading thereto shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300.

#### 91.09 FISHING.

- A. All persons shall possess a state fishing license.

- B. All state fishing regulations shall be applicable.
- C. No fishing shall be permitted from the dam or spillway.

91.10 SWIMMING AND PICNICKING.

- A. Swimming in the lake, except that which is directly connected with the act of waterskiing, is prohibited.
- B. Picnicking on municipal property, except in those areas designated for that purpose by appropriate sign is prohibited.

91.11 BOATING PERMITS.

- A. No person or persons shall launch any boat upon the lake without first obtaining an appropriate boat permit from the city, which shall be issued at City Hall during regular business hours.
- B. Fees for permits
  - (1) Permits for all boats shall cost:
 

Nelson County residents	\$50 per year
Nonresidents	100 per year
  - (2) Permits shall include fishing privileges for all occupants.
  - (3) All Nelson county residents over 65 years of age shall be given free boating and fishing privileges.
  - (4) All permits shall expire on December 31, of each year and shall be non-transferable.
  - (5) Licenses will be issued in duplicate, and shall be affixed to the outside of the bow area of the boat on both sides in plain view.

91.99 PENALTY.

Any person violating any provision of this chapter for which no other penalty is provided shall be deemed to have committed a violation and shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for each offense, and any person convicted of such violation shall not be permitted on the lake or the city property surrounding the lake for a period of 30 days following such conviction, and all violations of the regulations herein pertaining to boating shall be reported to the Kentucky Division of Boating.