

ORDINANCE No. 2025-07

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 14, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO PARKS AND RECREATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING CLAUSE, PENALTY CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City has exclusive dominion, control and jurisdiction in, upon, over and under property owned by the City, and may provide for the improvement thereof by; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Texas has determined that the following section of the current Code of Ordinances should be amended as follows:

NOW THEREFORE, THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. AMENDMENTS:

The findings set forth below are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance; with deletions struck through and additions underlined and in italics:

Chapter 14 PARKS AND RECREATION

~~Sec. 14-6. — City Lake — Swimming~~

~~It shall be unlawful for any person to enter upon the land belonging to the city on which the city lake is located for the purpose of swimming wading or bathing in such city lake or any of its tributaries, or to use the waters of the city lake or its tributaries for such purposes.~~

~~Sec. 14-8. Same City Lake — Fishing, boating, etc.~~

~~It shall be unlawful for any person to fish, boat ride or picnic on said lands and in the city lake, where permission to do so is granted by the mayor or city council; however, where such property or lake is used for any such purpose, all refuse such as leftover food, paper, cigarette stumps and cigar stumps or tobacco or anything that would tend to be carried into the lake by wind or water shall be cleaned up and carried away or burned, so as to prevent pollution hazards.~~

Section 2. ADDENDUM:

All items affected by this amendment shall be renumbered accordingly, to accommodate additions or deletions listed above.

Section 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation of this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

Section 4. REPEALING CLAUSE:

Any provision of any prior ordinance of the City whether codified or uncoded, which are in conflict with any provisions of the Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict, but all other provisions of the ordinances of the City whether codified or uncoded, which are not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5: EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this the 24th day of November, 2025

By: _____
Brad Hyman, Mayor

Attest:

Kathy Lovier Johnson, City Secretary