

AN ORDINANCE TO PROTECT FROM POLLUTION THE WATERS OF BAYOU LAFOURCHE AND TO MAINTAIN BAYOU LAFOURCHE IN AN ESTHETICALLY PLEASING CONDITION AND, FOR THOSE PURPOSES, TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE INTO THE BAYOU OF ANY OBJECTS WHICH THREATEN TO POLLUTE OR POLLUTE SAID WATERS OR CAUSES THE BAYOU TO BECOME ESTHETICALLY UNPLEASANT.

WHEREAS, by Act 113 of the Louisiana Legislature of Louisiana as amended, the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District is given the specific power to "adopt and enforce, by penal ordinance, such sanitary regulations as it may deem necessary to protect from pollution the water so furnished after it leaves the Mississippi River, and also the authority to adopt a beautification program, and to that end the Board may regulate the location, construction and/or use of any building or structures within said district, and to prohibit the discharge into the bayou of any material which threatens to pollute or pollutes said water or causes said bayou to become esthetically unpleasent," and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners, in the interest of the welfare of the users and prospective users of fresh water from Bayou Lafourche, to avail itself of and to exercise the aforesaid powers granted by the aforesaid act of Legislature, as amended, and

WHEREAS, all of the Parishes through which the water of Bayou Lafourche may course, may not have enacted ordinances for the prevention of pollution of bayous and streams within said parishes, and the prevention of discharge of matters which may render bayous and streams esthetically unpleasent, and

WHEREAS, from an investigation made, it is the sense of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District that such protection from pollution and from the discharge of esthetically unpleasent material is necessary,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District, that

SECTION I. It shall be unlawful for any municipality, unincorporated town, corporation, partnership or individual to cast, dump, discharge, dispose of or throw into the Bayou Lafourche, any waste disposal, trash, refuse, garbage, rubbish, ashes, industrial wastes or untreated sewage or any other such foreign matter. It shall also be unlawful to place any such objectionable matter on or

in the vicinity of the banks of the Bayou or in any place from whence normal drainage might tend to introduce such wastes into the said Bayou. No refuse dump or place of deposit shall be maintained by any owner, lessee or user of any public or private property bordering Bayou Lafourche without provision for the prompt and proper disposal of the material deposited.

For the purpose of this ordinance the following definitions shall apply:

REFUSE. Refuse includes garbage, rubbish, ashes, animal and vegetable waste from animal quarters, and all other waste matter, except sewage, from any public or private establishment, institution, or residence.

GARBAGE. Garbage includes all putrescible waste matter except sewage and recognizable industrial by-products. It includes putrescible vegetable matter, animal offal, and animal carcasses.

RUBBISH. Rubbish includes all non-putrescible waste matter, except ashes, from any public or private establishment, institution, or residence.

ASHES. Ashes includes the solid residue resulting from the combustion of all fuels used for heating, cooking, and the production of power in any public or private establishment, institution, or residence.

UNTREATED SEWAGE. Untreated sewage includes animal feces and urine as well as any material contaminated by animal body discharges, and waste feed stuff which has not been subjected to proper primary treatment.

SECTION II. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all law enforcement officers of the Parishes and municipalities in which are located the territory comprised in the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District, and all enforcement officers empowered by the State Board of Health under the law of the State of Louisiana to enforce the sanitary code of the State of Louisiana, are hereby authorized and empowered to make the investigation and file the charges, and make the arrests necessary for the enforcement of this ordinance.

SECTION III. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any such municipality, town, or village, incorporated or not, any corporation, partnership, person or persons who violate the pro-

visions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any Court of competent jurisdiction shall be fined not more than the sum of Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars or shall be imprisoned in the Parish Jail for not more than thirty (30) days or both at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION IV. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance be published in the newspapers of the parishes of Ascension, Assumption and Lafourche in accordance with La. R. S. 43:171 and that a copy hereof be furnished to the Auditor of the State of Louisiana.