

**ST. MARYS CITY COUNCIL
ST. MARYS, GEORGIA**

At the regular meeting of the St. Marys City Council, held in the St. Marys City Hall, St. Marys, Georgia on June 17, 2013:

Present:

- William T. DeLoughy, Mayor
- Greg Bird, Councilman, Post 1
- Nancy Stasinis, Councilwoman, Post 2
- Jim Gant, Councilman, Post 3
- Keith Post, Councilman, Post 4
- John Morrissey, Councilman, Post 5
- Sidney Howell, Councilman, Post 6

On motion of Councilmember Jim Gant, which carried unanimously, the following Ordinance amendment was adopted:

AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA, SECTION 94 TRAFFIC and VEHICLES TO ADD SECTION 94-8 REGULATING THE USE OF THE DOCKS ON THE WATERFRONT AND PROVIDE FOR A PROCEDURE TO ENFORCE VIOLATIONS OF USE ON THE NOTED DOCKS and to ADD the WORDS 'AND WATER BORNE VESSELS' to the TITLE OF THIS SECTION.

Be it, and it is, hereby ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Marys, this 17th day of June, 2013 that section 94 of the Code of Ordinances, City of St. Marys, Georgia is hereby amended to ADD the following section 94-9:

Sec. 94-9. – Water borne Vessel Registration and Use of Waterfront Docks

1. All water borne vessels over 12 feet in length shall either be registered with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), License & Boat Registration Unit, Wildlife Resources Division; or carry valid registration from another state or country; or carry valid proof of ownership (except for canoes, kayaks, prams, etc. that do not have a mechanical form of propulsion, or sailing vessels which are less than 12 feet in length). This data must be visible and/or accessible and available for inspection when requested by any law enforcement officer of Georgia.
2. All water borne vessel operators are required to obey laws that regulate the water borne vessels registration, operation and comply with water borne vessel education.
3. The registration number and validation decal must be displayed in a manner as defined in the Ga DNR rules. Owners of water borne vessels not displaying the required numbers, or where the numbers displayed are not listed on the current listing of valid GA registrations, may be cited for non-registration as well as for docking not in compliance with this ordinance.
4. No person who owns or has possession, control or custody of any water borne vessel shall tie up to the docks as designated below for more than the time noted below and/or on the dock.
 - a. DNR owned wooden Kayak Dock – no more than thirty (30) minutes per four hour period. No overnight docking.
 - b. City owned concrete 'FIREWORKS' Dock connected to the DNR Kayak Dock – no more than six (6) hours in a twelve (12) hour period. No overnight docking.

- 50 c. City owned wood/concrete Wheeler Street Ramp and Dock - no more than thirty (30)
 51 minutes per four (4) hour period. No overnight docking.
 52 d. City owned concrete Pavilion Fishing Dock – no water borne vessel tie up for any reason.
 53 e. City owned wood Gateway Dock – no more than eight (8) hours per twelve (12) hour
 54 period. No overnight docking.
 55 f. DNR owned concrete Miller Street Dock and Ramp - no more than thirty (30) minutes
 56 per four (4) hour period. No overnight docking.
 57 g. DNR wooden Fishing Dock at Gilman Park – no water borne vessel tie up for any reason.
 58 h. City owned wooden Marsh Walk - no water borne vessel tie up for any reason.
- 59 5. The moving of a water borne vessel from one mooring point on a dock to another mooring point
 60 on the same dock will make up one continuous docking period.
 61 6. Any owner of any water borne vessel overstaying the limits as noted above and as noted on the
 62 dock and/or ramp, will – upon notification by the appropriate designated official of the City of St.
 63 Marys – immediately relocate the water borne vessel as required to comply with this ordinance
 64 section. If so moved, the water borne vessel and its owners shall not be charged with a violation.
 65 7. If the owner of a water borne vessel fails to comply with the requirements to move the water
 66 borne vessel that is in violation of this ordinance, the owner or occupant of the water borne vessel
 67 may be cited for a violation of this section. Violations of this section shall be punishable by a fine
 68 not to exceed \$300.00 per occurrence.

69 **This Amendment** shall become effective upon passage.

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ATTEST:

ST. MARYS CITY COUNCIL
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William T. DeLoughy

 WILLIAM T. DELOUGHY, MAYOR

Deborah Walker-Reed

 DEBORAH WALKER-REED, CITY CLERK
 CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA