

ORDINANCE NO. 1590

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS, PROHIBITING DREDGING ON, IN OR UNDER LAKE JACKSONVILLE, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jacksonville is vitally interested in the health, safety and general welfare of its residents and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville owns all the land serving as the lake floor to Lake Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that dredging in Lake Jacksonville may endanger water resources, potentially reducing water quality and affecting aquatic habitats for fish and other desirable species; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of its citizens to adopt this ordinance as a public health and sanitation measure.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained that the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Texas amends Chapter 6³/₄, Drilling, Mining and Excavations, to add Article IV, Dredging, On, In or Under Lake Jacksonville, as follows:

Section I.

ARTICLE IV. – DREDGING ON, IN OR UNDER LAKE JACKSONVILLE.

Sec. 6³/₄-67.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to perform or cause to be performed any dredging on, in or under Lake Jacksonville.

B. Any person who violates this Ordinance is guilty of a separate offense for each day or part of a day during which the violation is committed or continued. Each violation of this Article is a class C misdemeanor and may be punished by the assessment of a fine for ordinances involving public health and sanitation in accordance with Chapter One, Sec. 1-5 of this Code.

Section II.

Should any paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby. This Ordinance shall take effect upon the date of passage or when all applicable publication requirements, if any, are satisfied in accordance with the City's Charter, Code of Ordinances, and the laws of the State of Texas.

Passed and approved this 13th day of October, 2020.

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS

By: 

Randy Gorham, Mayor

ATTEST:



Greg Lowe, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Brett Brewer, City Attorney