



City of Pflugerville

Legislation Text

File #: ORD-0462, **Version:** 2

Approving an ordinance on second reading with the caption reading: An ordinance of the City of Pflugerville, Texas, amending the City of Pflugerville, Texas Code of Ordinances, by amending Title IX (Titled General Regulations), Chapter 95 (Titled Parks and Recreation), Section 95.30 (Titled Protection of Lake Pflugerville) by prohibiting the use of motorized boats; providing for a penalty for a violation of Chapter 95 as a class C misdemeanor and a fine in an amount not to exceed \$500.00; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative and repealing all ordinances to the extent they are in conflict; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

Lake Pflugerville was completed in April 2006 and was constructed to establish a reservoir to store water intended to be treated for potable use and distributed throughout the City's water utility service area. Protections for Lake Pflugerville are codified in Section 95.30 of the City's Code of Ordinances were established in June 2006 and amended in October 2009.

Currently, driving or operating a motorized boat of any kind on Lake Pflugerville is prohibited, unless:

- (1) The operator of the boat is city staff or has been authorized by city staff to use the motorized boat and is doing so in the ordinary course of carrying out city business; or
- (2) The boat is an electric powered fishing boat or electric powered model boat.

The proposed ordinance would prohibit all motorized boats from the water unless for a public purpose.

This amendment is intended to further restrict the possible transport of invasive species into this water body, such as hydrilla and zebra mussels, by prohibiting all boats with inboard or outboard motors.

This ordinance was approved as amended on first reading on June 11, 2019. The ordinance was amended to clarify that boats with gas-powered motors are not allowed for use on Lake Pflugerville, even when the gas-powered motor is not in use, such as when using an electric trolling motor instead. The following amended sentence was provided by the City Attorney for Section (C)(2): The boat is a fishing boat with a primary source of power being electric or an electric powered model boat.

Prior City Council Action

Related to this Section, park hours changes were approved on first reading in August 2018, but the matter was postponed upon consideration of second reading in September.

Deadline for City Council Action

Action on second reading is requested on June 25, 2019.

Funding Expected: Revenue ___ Expenditure ___ N/A ☒_x_

Budgeted Item: Yes ___ No ___ N/A ☒

Amount: ___ n/a ___

1295 Form Required? Yes ___ No ☒

Legal Review Required: N/A ___ Required ☒ Date Completed: May 9, 2019

Supporting documents attached:

Ordinance

Recommended Action

Approve the ordinance on second reading to prohibit the use of motorized boats on Lake Pflugerville.