

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_-\_\_\_\_**  
**CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI AMENDING  
CHAPTER 58, ARTICLE III, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES  
REGARDING FISHING ON PUBLIC WHARVES, DOCKS, AND PIERS**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 58, Article III, of the Pascagoula Code of Ordinances regulates the use and operation of the City of Pascagoula's parks; and

**WHEREAS**, certain revisions to Chapter 58, Article III, are needed to provide for the safe and efficient use of the City of Pascagoula's parks; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi Code Section 21-37-3 grants municipalities full jurisdiction in the matter of parks and the right to maintain the same; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi Code Section 21-37-15 grants municipalities certain authorities to regulate waterways, including the authority to regulate public wharves and docks; and

**WHEREAS**, there exist several public parks in the City of Pascagoula that provide public wharves, docks, and piers; and

**WHEREAS**, these wharves, docks, and piers are used by recreational and commercial boaters and fishermen; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to other uses, the City's wharves, docks, and piers are used for fishing and for launching and trailering boats; and

**WHEREAS**, the fishing and boat-launching and trailering activities often conflict with each other; and

**WHEREAS**, it would be in the City's best interests and facilitate the efficient use of the City's wharves, docks, and piers to establish zones where fishing is not allowed, which will promote the efficient launching and trailering of boats; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Pascagoula hereby amends Chapter 58, Article III, as set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASCAGOULA AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 58, Article III is hereby amended to include the following sections:

**Sec. 58-65. – No-Fishing Zones on Public Wharves, Docks, and Piers**

- (a) The City Manager is hereby authorized to establish no-fishing zones on public wharves, docks, and piers. The City Manager shall cause signage to be placed on or about public wharves, docks, and piers identifying to the public the location of no-fishing zones.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to fish, including the use of nets, on a public wharf, dock, or pier, or portion thereof, that has been designated by the City Manager as a no-fishing zone.

**SECTION 2.** The amendments to this Chapter shall become effective as provided by law.

The above Ordinance was introduced in writing by Mayor Willis, seconded for adoption by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_, and received the following vote: Mayor Willis voted “\_\_\_”, Councilman \_\_\_ voted “\_\_\_”, Councilman \_\_\_ voted “\_\_\_”, Councilman \_\_\_ voted “\_\_\_”, Councilman \_\_\_ “\_\_\_”, Councilman \_\_\_ voted “\_\_\_”, and Councilman \_\_\_ voted “\_\_\_”.

Passed this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

APPROVED:

/s/  
Jay Willis, Mayor

/s/  
Karen Kennedy, City Clerk