



County of Prince Edward
Board of Supervisors
Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: September 11, 2012
Item No.: 12
Department: County Administrator
Staff Contact: W.W. Bartlett
Issue: Amendment to Sandy River Reservoir Ordinance

Summary: At its August meeting, the Board voted to eliminate the need for county-issued permits for duck hunting at the Sandy River Reservoir. As a follow up, the County Attorney is recommending an amendment to the County's *Ordinance to Regulate and Protect the Sandy River Reservoir and Adjacent County-Owned Property*. Attached is a copy of the County Ordinance showing the proposed amendment.

Attachments: *Ordinance to Regulate and Protect the Sandy River Reservoir and Adjacent County-Owned Property*, with proposed amendment.

Recommendation: Authorize advertising a Public Hearing for the October Board meeting on the proposed amendment to the County ordinance for the Sandy River Reservoir.

Motion _____
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McKay _____

NOTE: The proposed amendment is the underlined and italicized section of (4).

**ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND PROTECT THE
SANDY RIVER RESERVOIR AND ADJACENT COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTIES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.1-13 OF THE
CODE OF VIRGINIA 1950, AS AMENDED**

Sec. 82-31.

- (a) The following activities are hereby declared to be unlawful in that part of Lockett Magisterial District of Prince Edward County known as Sandy River Reservoir and on any County-owned property surrounding the reservoir:
- (1) Presence of persons, boats, or other personal property at anytime in areas marked "No Trespassing," without the express written permission of the county administrator.
 - (2) Parking on any County-owned property surrounding the reservoir other than in the Sandy River Reservoir Public Use Area located off Route 640, at the end of Route 792, or in any other area specifically designated by the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors as a Public Parking Area.
 - (3) Littering or dumping of any type, kind or description.
 - (4) Hunting or trapping of any type, kind or description without an express written permit issued by the County of Prince Edward, with the exception of duck hunting, which requires no county permit.
 - (5) Conducting fishing tournaments in which prizes are awarded without an express written permit issued by the County of Prince Edward and Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.
 - (6) Diving, snorkeling or swimming of any type, kind or description.
 - (7) Operation in or on the reservoir of any unlicensed watercraft or any type of watercraft propelled by an engine in excess of ten (10) horsepower.
 - (8) Operation in or on the reservoir of a windsurfer, sailboard or any wind-propelled vessel, other than a sailboat, length of which shall not exceed sixteen (16) feet.
 - (9) Operation in or on the reservoir of any jet ski.
 - (10) Sale of any and all commodities or services anywhere in either the reservoir or the County-owned property surrounding the reservoir, as well as the posting of any kind of advertisement of any description, unless sanctioned by the County of Prince Edward.
 - (11) Discharging any firearm, including but not limited to any weapon which propels a projectile by pneumatic means, unless sanctioned by the County of Prince Edward.
 - (12) Possession of any type of alcoholic beverage while on the premises.
 - (13) Presence on the reservoir or the County-owned property surrounding the reservoir by any person under the age of twelve (12) years, unless such person is accompanied by an individual who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
 - (14) Camping and lighting or maintaining any kind of fire, unless such activity has been sanctioned or is sponsored by the County.

- (15) Use of any of the County-owned property surrounding the reservoir by any person riding any type of motorized or non-motorized vehicle, bicycle or horse and use of any part of the reservoir or such County-owned property for ice skating or sledding, unless any such use has been expressly sanctioned by the County.
 - (16) The use of any of the County-owned property surrounding the reservoir, other than those areas specifically designated by the County as such, for boat access to and from the reservoir including, but not limited to construction of piers, docks and access roads. Individuals owning property adjacent to the county buffer who have a county-approved and permitted boat access ramp shall continue to be responsible for the soil erosion and sedimentation measures and for the safe maintenance and upkeep of the ramp. The permit is not transferable to any future owners of the property. Permittee must carry liability insurance and show annual proof thereof.
 - (17) Cutting, removing or altering any trees, brush or other vegetation now growing or hereafter established in the reservoir or on the County-owned property surrounding the reservoir and removing, altering or otherwise disturbing the reservoir or any County-owned land surrounding the reservoir.
 - (18) Withdrawal of water for any purpose, with the exception that adjacent property owners with express written permission from Prince Edward County may withdraw reasonable amounts of water for irrigation and domestic purposes until such time as water therein is used for public water supply.
 - (19) Stocking of any fish or other aquatic species in the reservoir or animal on the County-owned property, without written permission of Prince Edward County and the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.
 - (20) The siting of "sewerage systems" and "treatment works", as defined by the State Board of Health Sewage Handling and Disposal Regulations, within five hundred (500) feet of the normal pool elevation of the reservoir.
 - (21) Discharging a firearm, as defined in paragraph 11 of this section, on any county-owned land, on or within 300 feet of a public parking area.
- (b) The Board of Supervisors may, by resolution, authorize the construction and maintenance of public utilities, including electrical supply lines, water and sewer treatment plants, water and sewer supply lines, and telecommunications transmission lines that benefit the public at large and are constructed and maintained by a public utility company, Prince Edward County, or by a public utility authority created pursuant to state law, on Sandy River Reservoir and on any County-owned property surrounding the Sandy River Reservoir. As a condition of said authorization, the entity responsible for the construction or maintenance of the public utility shall restore the affected property to the same condition as it existed on the date of the authorization, and shall maintain the area in that condition for the duration of the authorization, to the extent that is practical and consistent with prevailing utility maintenance practices in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
 - (c) Except for those activities specifically authorized by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Paragraph (b), any person who shall knowingly commit any of the acts declared unlawful in (a) above, shall, on conviction of a first offense of a violation of this section, be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor as same as defined in Section 18.2-11 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

(Ord. of 7-9-96; Ord. of 11-12-98, Ord. of 9-14-99, Ord. of 10-10-00, Ord. 6-10-08, Ord. 11-12-08, Ord. 10-9-12).