

ORDINANCE O-17-2025

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSBORO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 10. PARKS AND RECREATION, BY ESTABLISHING "NO DIVING OR JUMPING" PROHIBITIONS TO DIVISION 3. LAKE JACKSBORO AND LOST CREEK RESERVOIR, SECTION 10.02.062 SWIMMING PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN AREAS, AND BY ADDING DIVISION 4. CITY OF JACKSBORO OFF-LEASH DOG PARK; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksboro, as a Type A General Law Municipality, may adopt and establish certain regulations for the use and enjoyment of parks owned and maintained by the City of Jacksboro; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Jacksboro to amend and extend the City's rules and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 10. Parks and Recreation, documents the various guidelines, permits, rules and regulations of City owned and operated parks in the following divisions:

**Chapter 10. Division 1. Generally**

**Chapter 10. Division 2. Permits**

**Chapter 10. Division 3. Lake Jacksboro and Lost Creek Reservoir**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and general welfare of the public to amend Chapter 10. of the Code of Ordinances and establish "no diving or jumping" areas, under Division 3. Lake Jacksboro and Lost Creek Reservoir, and establish a new Division 4. City of Jacksboro Off-Leash Dog Park; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSBORO, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 10. Parks and Recreation of the City of Jacksboro Code of Ordinances is hereby amended relative to Division 3. Lake Jacksboro and Lost Creek Reservoir, as set forth in the attached "Attachment A".

**SECTION 3.** Chapter 10. Parks and Recreation of the City of Jacksboro Code of Ordinances is further amended by the addition of Division 4. City of Jacksboro Off-Leash Dog Park, as set forth in the attached "Attachment B".

**SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jacksboro, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and all other provisions not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.** It is declared to be the intent of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance is declared invalid by the judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this Ordinance since the City Council would have enacted them without the invalid portion.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

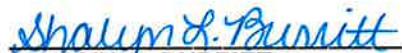
**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSBORO, TEXAS,  
THIS THE 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.**

CITY OF JACKSBORO



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## **Attachment A**

## ARTICLE 10.02 PARKS AND RECREATION

### DIVISION 3 Lake Jacksboro and Lost Creek Reservoir

#### § 10.02.061. Fishing regulations.

Fishing in Lake Jacksboro and Lost Creek Reservoir shall be subject to the same rules and laws prescribed by state law in the methods of taking, baits allowed, seasons, limits, and in all other matters, unless specifically modified by action of the city council.

(1984 Code, sec. 15-17; Ordinance O-12-16 adopted 10/24/2016; Ordinance O-28-2021 adopted 12/13/2021; 1997 Code, sec. 95.35)

#### § 10.02.062. Swimming and jumping/diving prohibited in certain areas.

Swimming **and jumping/diving** is prohibited in Lake Jacksboro and Lost Creek Reservoir in the following areas. Prohibited areas will be marked with appropriate signs.

- (1) Boat ramps.
- (2) Directly from either dam (exiting and entering the water from the dam is prohibited).
- (3) Gate control towers.
- (4) **Jumping or diving is exclusively forbidden off the dock floor, railings and roof of any docks on Lake Jacksboro and Lost Creek Reservoir.**

(1984 Code, sec. 15-18; Ordinance O-12-16 adopted 10/24/2016; Ordinance O-28-2021 adopted 12/13/2021; 1997 Code, sec. 95.36, **Ordinance O-17-2025 adopted 09/08/2025.**)

#### § 10.02.063. Going upon gate control tower prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to go about, on or upon the gate control tower situated on Lake Jacksboro and Lost Creek Reservoir.

(1984 Code, sec. 14-9; Ordinance 107 adopted 5/2/1950; Ordinance O-12-16 adopted 10/24/2016; Ordinance O-28-2021 adopted 12/13/2021; 1997 Code, sec. 95.37)

#### § 10.02.064. Washing vehicles prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to wash automobiles, trucks, or any other motor vehicle on the causeway from the water at Lake Jacksboro, or to use the water from the lake to wash vehicles by means of carrying water from the lake and washing vehicles in the public road, allowing the waste water to drain back into the lake.

(1984 Code, sec. 14-10; Ordinance 107A adopted 5/13/1950; Ordinance O-12-16 adopted 10/24/2016; Ordinance O-28-2021 adopted 12/13/2021; 1997 Code, sec. 95.38)

#### § 10.02.065. Going on spillway during periods of high water.

- (1) **General prohibition.** It is an offense for any person to walk, stand, fish, travel by foot or operate a motor vehicle over the spillway between Lake Jacksboro and Lost Creek Reservoir during periods of high waters when barricades are in place or signs have been posted advising that the spillway is closed. Periods of high waters include those periods when water is flowing across the spillway.

(2) Compliance. The operator of a motor vehicle or pedestrian shall comply with all applicable traffic-control devices, barricades, gates, instructions, signals, warnings, or markings of a warning sign, being a signal, marking or device placed on a barricade, during periods of high water, to warn or regulate motor vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

(3) Passing around barricade. It shall be unlawful and an offense for any person to walk, run, drive or otherwise pass, by any means, around a barricade, meaning an obstruction placed in, on, before or across the spillway, by the city, to prevent the passage of persons, pedestrians or motor vehicles over the spillway.

(4) Failure to comply with barricade or warning sign. It shall be unlawful for any person, as a pedestrian, or as an operator of a motor vehicle, to fail to comply with all applicable traffic-control devices, barricades, warnings, signs, signals, markings, or gates placed to prohibit, direct or deter persons, pedestrians or vehicular traffic.

(5) Defenses. It shall be a defense to the offenses listed herein if the person was following the directions of a peace officer or is a person whose duties require the person to go beyond or around a barricade.

(6) Moving or altering barricade or warning sign. It shall be unlawful and an offense for any person to move, destroy, alter, a barricade, traffic-control device, gate, instruction, signal, warning or marking of a warning sign placed to prevent the passage of persons, pedestrians, or motor vehicles over the spillway.

(7) Penalty. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not to exceed \$500.00. Proof and evidence of a culpable mental state are not required for proof of an offense stated herein.  
(Ordinance O-02-07 adopted 5/8/2007; Ordinance O-12-16 adopted 10/24/2016; Ordinance O-28-2021 adopted 12/13/2021; 1997 Code, sec. 95.39)

## **Attachment B**

**DIVISION 4**  
**City of Jacksboro Off-Leash Dog Park**

**§ 10.02.071. Establishment.**

Designation. The City Council may establish in consultation with the city manager certain areas owned by the city as “dog parks” or “off-leash dog recreation areas” where dog owners or those in charge of a dog or dogs may bring their dogs to run at large. Due consideration shall be given to operational and animal regulation and care issues, including but not limited to:

- (1) Security measures to assure that the unleashed dogs remain contained within the dog recreation area;
- (2) Disease control of dogs using the dog recreation area;
- (3) Feces control within and around the dog recreation area; and
- (4) Provisions for the exclusion of dogs that do not participate in compliance with the applicable regulations or that demonstrate aggressive behavior towards other dogs or persons.

(Ordinance O-17-2025 adopted 09/08/2025)

**§ 10.02.072. Use Regulations**

The following rules will apply to any off-leash dog recreation area (dog park) established by the City Council and be posted:

- (1) Limit of 2 dogs per handler in the dog park.
- (2) The small dog enclosure is for dogs under 30 pounds.
- (3) All dogs must be leashed when entering and leaving the dog park.
- (4) All dogs must have current rabies vaccinations and should be healthy and free of contagious diseases and parasites. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate or tags must be available for inspection.
- (5) Dogs must be in view of and within voice control of their owner/handler at all times. Never leave dogs unattended.
- (6) Dog owners/handlers are responsible for cleaning up and disposing of their dog’s feces in and around the recreation area.
- (7) Dogs in heat are NOT permitted.
- (8) Dogs showing any sign of aggression must be leashed and removed immediately from the dog park.
- (9) No dogs allowed under the age of 4 months.

- (10) No children under the age of 12 without adult supervision. Running and chasing dogs is strictly prohibited.
- (11) No food, drink, alcoholic beverages or smoking allowed in the dog park.
- (12) No bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades or any motorized vehicles.
- (13) The owner waives liability to the City for any injury or damage cause (by dogs or humans) while accessing or using the dog park.
- (14) The park is subject to closure upon determination by the City that there is a reason deemed to be in the public's interest of safety.
- (15) Use of this dog park is at your own risk. Dog owners/handlers are responsible for the actions and behavior of their dogs at all times.

(Ordinance O-17-2025 adopted 09/08/2025)