

**Article GB09-B**

**LENEXA LAKES POLICY**

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**GB09-B-1 OBJECTIVES**

- A. To recognize that Lenexa Lakes provide an enhanced aesthetic value to the City.
- B. To promote the enjoyment of Lenexa Lakes and recreational opportunities for the public.
- B. To protect the aesthetic value of Lenexa Lakes through appropriate regulation of their use.
- C. To promote safety for persons and property in and connected with the use of Lenexa Lakes.

**GB09-B-2 SCOPE**

Unless otherwise provided herein, this policy shall apply to all City-owned lakes or other permanent bodies of water and any City-owned real property in and around such lakes.

**GB09-B-3 DEFINITIONS**

The following words when used in connection with this policy shall have the meanings ascribed to them herein:

**CANOE:** A narrow vessel of shallow draft pointed at both ends and propelled by human muscular effort and includes kayaks.

**FLOTATION DEVICE:** Any type I, II, III, IV or V personal flotation device approved by the United States coast guard for use on recreational vehicles.

**IDLE SPEED:** The slowest possible speed needed to maintain steerage or maneuverability.

**INFLATABLE WATERCRAFT:** Any vessel constructed of rubber, canvas, or other material that is designed to be inflated with any gaseous substance, constructed with two (2) or more air cells, and operated as a vessel. Inflatable watercraft propelled by a motor shall be classified as a motorized watercraft. Inflatable watercraft propelled by a sail shall be classified as a sailboat. All inflatable watercraft shall be constructed of puncture resistant material.

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**LENEXA LAKES:** All City-owned lakes, ponds and other permanent bodies of water and any City-owned real property in and around such lakes.

**NO WAKE:** The same meaning as "idle speed".

**PEDAL BOAT:** Any watercraft designed to be propelled by pedals only through human muscular effort.

**PERSONAL WATERCRAFT:** A vessel that is propelled by machinery and designed to be operated by an individual sitting, standing, or kneeling on the vessel rather than by an individual sitting or standing inside the vessel, including jet skis and other like watercraft.

**READILY ACCESSIBLE:** Plainly visible to all watercraft passengers, and in an area that can be reached in an emergency without opening a compartment, unwrapping material or reaching under part of the boat's hull.

**ROWBOAT:** Any vessel designed to be rowed and that is propelled by human muscular effort by oars or paddles, and upon which no mechanical propulsion device, electric motor, internal combustion engine or sail has been affixed or is used for the operation of such vessel.

**SAILBOARD:** A surfboard using for propulsion a free sail system comprising one or more swivel mounted rigs (mast, sail and booms) supported in an upright position by the crew and the wind.

**SAILBOAT:** Any vessel, equipped with mast and sails, dependent upon the wind to propel it in the normal course of operation, but specifically excluding a sailboard.

**VESSEL:** Any watercraft designed to be propelled by machinery, oars, paddles or wind action upon a sail for navigation on the water.

**WATERCRAFT:** Any of the following when used or capable of being used for transportation on the water:

- A. A vessel propelled by machinery either permanently or temporarily affixed.
- B. A sailboat.
- C. An inflatable, manually propelled boat.
- D. A canoe or rowboat.

### **GB09-B-4 PROVISIONS**

All codes, ordinances and other City regulations applicable to park areas shall apply to Lenexa Lakes.

### **SWIMMING AND WADING**

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- A. Swimming, bathing, wading or otherwise entering into any lake is prohibited, unless specifically authorized and posted by the City as part of a special event.
- B. Persons who are fishing and are equipped with wading gear may enter cove areas in Lenexa Lakes.
- C. The use of air mattresses and other flotation devices (including beach toys) is prohibited.

### **BOATS AND BOATING**

- A. All persons must follow Kansas boating laws and regulations, including any state required registration, and additional Lenexa ordinances, policies or posted restrictions for proper use, permitting, operation and safety requirements of watercraft on Lenexa Lakes.
- B. Boating shall only be permitted during the following hours:

November through February	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM
March, April, September, October	6:00 AM to 7:00 PM
May through August	6:00 AM to 9:00 PM
- C. Only boats designated as Class 1 or smaller (less than 26 feet in length) which include such watercraft as rowboats, canoes, sailboats, pedal boats and fishing boats equipped with electric trolling motors, are permitted on Lenexa Lakes.
- D. The following watercrafts are prohibited on Lenexa Lakes:
  - 1. All personal watercraft, including jet skis and other like watercraft;
  - 2. Sailboards;
  - 3. Any watercraft powered by a gasoline motor; and
  - 4. Any watercraft that is larger in size than Class 1.
- E. All watercraft shall be launched and must be accessed from public boat ramps only.
- F. All Lenexa Lakes are no wake (idle speed only) zones.
- G. Every manually operated boat placed on the lake shall carry at least two oars or one paddle, as appropriate for the type of boat.
- H. Flotation Devices:

At all times while on a watercraft, boat operators are required to provide flotation devices as set forth below:

  - 1. Children under 12 are required to wear a flotation device.
  - 2. Persons 12 and older must have a flotation device readily accessible to them.

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- I. Non-gasoline powered remote control watercrafts are allowed in designated areas of Lenexa Lakes in compliance with posted rules.
- J. Rules of watercraft travel:
  - 1. When watercrafts are approaching head-on, or nearly so, it shall be the duty of each to turn to the right and pass on the left side of the other.
  - 2. A watercraft passing another watercraft traveling in the same direction shall keep out of the way of the overtaken watercraft, passing to the left of it, if that side is in the clear.
  - 3. When watercraft are approaching each other in a crossing situation where risk of collision is involved, other than when one watercraft is passing another, the watercraft on the right shall hold its course and speed. The watercraft on the left shall keep out of the way of the other by directing its course right so as to cross the rear of the other watercraft, and, if necessary, shall slow its speed or stop and reverse.
  - 4. Watercrafts powered by motors, when moving under power, shall stay at least fifty feet away from manual watercraft.
  - 5. Sailboats shall have the right-of-way at all times and shall be treated in that manner when approached by motorized watercraft, due to the inherent slowness and ability of the sailboat to change its course as compared with the ease and speed of a motorized watercraft in changing its course.
  - 6. No person shall operate a watercraft or any other device used in or on the water in a reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person.
- K. The capacity limits of all permissible watercraft shall not be exceeded.
- L. The towing of persons or things by watercraft on Lenexa Lakes is prohibited.

### **FISHING**

- A. Fishing is permitted during posted park hours subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. Permissible fishing shall be subject to restrictions as to length and daily creel or stringer limits.
- B. Fishing is prohibited at all times in any area posted by signs forbidding such.
- C. Prohibited methods of fishing include trotlines, limb lines, bank lines, throw lines, jug lines, throw nets, block lines, gigging, seining, snagging, noodling and bow fishing.
- D. A state fishing license is required.

### **ICE SKATING**

Ice skating is prohibited, unless specifically authorized and posted by the City as part of a special event.

### **SCUBA DIVING**

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Scuba diving is prohibited.

### **ANIMALS**

All dogs, cats, and other domesticated animals shall be kept leashed and under control while on or near Lenexa Lakes.

### **OTHER RESTRICTIONS**

The use of skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, motorized skateboards, scooters and other like devices shall be prohibited on the dams and spillways of lakes and public sidewalks in and around Lenexa Lakes.