

ODRINANCE NO. 858

“BOAT LAUNCH PERMIT CREDIT CARD PAYMENT ORDINANCE”

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 26: PARKS AND RECREATION, SECTION 26-62 (DAILY BOAT RAMP AND PARKING PERMIT); AND PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT, SAVINGS, SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

WHEREAS, Lake Lyndon B. Johnson (“Lake LBJ”) comprises approximately 133,090 acres of water area and is located partially within the political boundaries of the City of Granite Shoals, Texas (the “City”); and

WHEREAS, the City must fund and maintain boat launching ramps within its parks that are open to the general public, including non-residents; and

WHEREAS, it is convenient and desirable, and will encourage payment for services provided by the City, to allow users of the City’s boat launching ramps to pay for daily permits by credit card or other electronic payment systems; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration, the City Council finds that the following amendments are in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Granite Shoals and of the public generally;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS, TEXAS:

SECTION I. FINDINGS OF FACT

All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION II. AMENDMENT

Chapter 26 (Parks and Recreation) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Granite Shoals, Texas, is hereby amended to add the following language:

“ARTICLE V. BOAT LAUNCH PASS

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Section 26.62 Daily boat ramp and parking permit.

(a) The city imposes a ten dollar (\$10.00) daily fee upon any nonresident who seeks to launch a boat at any city-owned boat ramp in the city. Payment for the boat ramp and daily parking permit is due before the boat is launched and expires at the end of the day upon which the boat is launched and/or the fee is paid. The retrieval of the boat upon the same day for which the permit was issued is included in the permit. The retrieval of a boat on a day other than the day the permit was issued requires the payment of an additional ten-dollar (\$10.00) fee.

(b) Payment for the daily permit shall be made by placing United States of America currency, also known as cash, in the deposit envelope provided at the lock box receptacle. Checks are not an accepted form of payment. This receptacle is located near the city boat ramp. The envelope shall then be placed in the lock box after removing the windshield tag. Payment for the daily permit may also be made by credit card or electronic payment via a payment system implemented by the City. The City may apply a processing fee to credit card or electronic payments pursuant to Section 2-4 of this Code.

(c) The daily permit bearing the same sequential number as the deposit envelope shall be placed on the inside windshield of the vehicle used in the launching and retrieval of the boat at a city boat ramp. The daily permit must be placed in the windshield area and viewable from outside of the vehicle.

(d) Any vehicle with an empty boat trailer attached must display the daily permit while parked in or near a public park in the city. Failure to display the daily permit or annual launch pass is in violation of this article.

(e) Boat ramp and parking permit fees shall be paid at all times during the calendar year.

SECTION III. SAVINGS

The repeal of any ordinance or part of ordinances effectuated by the enactment of this Ordinance shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue, or as affecting any rights of the City under any section or provisions of any ordinances at the time of passage of this Ordinance.

SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY

Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this Ordinance be adjusted or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance in whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional.

SECTION V. REPEALER

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances or parts of ordinances governing or regulating the same subject matter as that covered herein; provided, however, that all prior ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent that such inconsistency is apparent. This Ordinance shall not be construed to require or allow any act that is prohibited by any other ordinance.

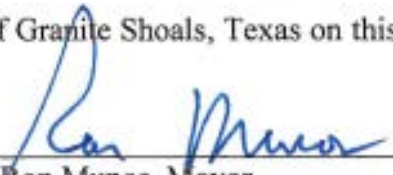
SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication as may be required by law.

SECTION VII. PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Granite Shoals, Texas on this the 14th day of May, 2024.



Ron Munos, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dawn Wright, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Josh Katz, City Attorney

