



CITY OF PATASKALA

ORDINANCE 2019-4345

Passed September 3, 2019

AN ORDINANCE CREATING, ESTABLISHING, AND ADOPTING SECTION 955.13 (FISHING) OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PATASKALA

WHEREAS, as the City of Pataskala's park program continues to expand, there is a need to regulate fishing in Park Waters; and

WHEREAS, in order to help regulate fishing in Park Waters, the Park Director and the Law Director reviewed other municipalities' fishing regulations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed regulations were presented to the City of Pataskala Park and Recreation Board on June 18, 2019, and the Board recommended approval of the proposed regulations; and

WHEREAS, Council for the City of Pataskala now wants to accept the Park and Recreation Board's recommendation and create fishing regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PATASKALA, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED OR APPOINTED THERETO CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1: Council for the City of Pataskala hereby creates, establishes, and adopts Section 955.13 (Fishing) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Pataskala, as set forth in the document attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2: All prior legislation, or any parts thereof, which is/are inconsistent with this Ordinance is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereof.

Section 3: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of Council and that all deliberations of the Council and any of the decision making bodies of the City of Pataskala which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the State of Ohio.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall become effective from and after the earliest period allowed by the Charter of the City of Pataskala.

ATTEST:

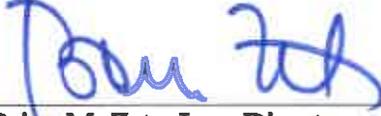


Kathy M. Hoskinson, Clerk



Michael W. Compton, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Brian M. Zets, Law Director

955.13 FISHING

- (a) Fishing shall be permitted in City of Pataskala Park waters, except in open swimming areas or where specifically prohibited.**
- (b) Everyone, who engages in fishing, shall obey all posted guidelines, and comply with all applicable City, State and Federal laws and regulations, including having a valid license if a license is required.**
- (c) If a fee is charged by the City for fishing in Park waters, no person shall fish in such waters without paying that fee.**
- (d) No person shall use lead fishing weights.**
- (e) Everyone, who engages in fishing, shall remove all fishing line fragments and hooks from land and waters once done fishing.**
- (f) All fish caught in Park waters shall be immediately released. The current Ohio Department of Natural Resources Catch and Release Guidelines shall be followed.**
- (g) No person shall use traps, buckets, nets, spears, bows and arrows, barbed hooks or similar devices to catch fish.**
- (h) Fishing shall be conducted only with a rod and reel; with a maximum of one rod and one reel per person.**
- (i) Fishing shall be conducted only from the shore/edge of the water.**
- (j) At the City's sole discretion, the fish population will be controlled as deemed necessary, through means approved by City to include, but not limited to fishing derbies and City-sponsored fishing events.**
- (k) Unauthorized stocking or dumping of fish or bait is prohibited.**

