

CHAPTER 49

USE OF PONDS, DETENTION AREAS AND OPEN WATER ON PUBLIC LAND

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49.01 STATEMENT OF PUBLIC POLICY. It is the policy of the City that the ponds, storm water detention areas and open water located on public land in the City are not to be used for wading, swimming or any other recreational or private purpose unless otherwise determined by this chapter. It is further recognized that allowing wading, swimming or other recreational or private uses may create a safety concern for people that are not properly supervised. In order to achieve this public purpose of maintaining the safety and integrity of public bodies of water in the City, all ponds, detention areas and open waters within the Johnston City limits that are located on public property or public easement areas shall be restricted as provided within this chapter.

49.02 ACTS PROHIBITED. It is unlawful for any person, alone or in conjunction with others, to wade, swim or use for any other recreational or private purpose any ponds, detention areas or open waters located on public property or in public easement areas in the City.

49.03 RESTRICTIONS. The following restrictions apply to ponds, detention areas and open water located on public property or in public easement areas:

1. Fishing allowed for catch and release only.
2. Swimming or wading is prohibited.
3. Recreational use of open waters is prohibited, including boating.
4. Use of open waters for a private purpose is prohibited.
5. Ice skating is prohibited unless approved by a resolution of the City Council.
6. Fishing is prohibited on Ceres Lake and Terra Lake (Pioneer Parkway).
7. Fishing is allowed from shore only.

49.04 EXEMPTIONS. This chapter does not apply to the following:

1. Beaver Creek.
2. The Des Moines River.
3. Saylorville Lake.