

**CHAPTER 17**  
**CITY LAKES AND DEKEN PARK**

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## DIVISION 1

### CITY LAKES

- 17-1-1      DEFINITION  
For the purpose of definition, the term reservoirs shall mean Lake Nellie and the South Reservoir, both of which are owned, maintained and operated by the City of St. Elmo.
- 17-1-2      NO HUNTING  
No person shall hunt or trap on the City's Reservoirs and adjacent City property without the prior written permission of the City.
- 17-1-3      NO SWIMMING  
No person shall be allowed to swim in said Reservoirs.
- 17-1-4      NO CUTTING OF TIMBER  
No person shall cut timber or underbrush on the City's property surrounding said Reservoirs without the prior written permission of the City.
- 17-1-5      NO DUCK BLINDS  
No person shall construct any duck blind or other building on said Reservoirs or the City's property adjacent thereto without the prior written permission of the City.
- 17-1-6      NO FINGERLINGS  
No person shall release any fish or fingerlings into said Reservoirs without the prior written permission of the City.
- 17-1-7      NO TROUTLINES  
No person shall fish in said Reservoirs by using a trout line and unattended line, bank poles, or nets, nor shall any person use what is commonly known as "jug" fishing.
- 17-1-8      SPEED LIMIT  
No person shall operate a motorboat on said Reservoirs in excess of five (5) miles per hour, or in any manner or extent that causes a wake.
- 17-1-9      USE OF MINNOWS  
It shall be unlawful to fish at said Reservoirs using anything other than commercial minnows.
- 17-1-10     COMMERCIAL FISHING  
No commercial fishing of any kind shall be permitted at said reservoirs.

17-1-11 NO PARKING ON BOAT RAMP

It shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave standing any motor vehicle on the boat ramp at Lake Nellie. Said boat ramp shall be defined as consisting of that portion of the ramp including both the gravel portion thereof and the grass shoulders. Said "no parking zone" shall be designated by the posting of appropriate warning signs.

17-1-12 FISH SIZE RESTRICTIONS

It shall be unlawful for any person to take from Lake Nellie or Tower Lake Reservoirs fish of a size less than, or in number greater than that designated herein:

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length, 3 fish daily creel limit
Striped Bass	24" Minimum Length, 1 fish daily creel limit
Tiger Muskie	Lake Nellie Only - Catch & Release

17-1-13 FINES

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$175.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Any person who thereafter continues to violate this Ordinance, for each subsequent violation, shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

Amended April 5, 2010; Amended October 5, 2011

17-1-14 CITY BOAT

That the boat and motor operated by the City of St. Elmo on said Reservoirs shall not be prohibited by this Ordinance, when being used for the purpose of water treatment or other official City business.

Revised 3/06/2000

17-1-14 CAMPING REGISTRATION

All non-residents of St. Elmo shall register at City Hall of St. Elmo prior to camping. There is a \$3.00 per night charge with a maximum of seven (7) nights per ninety (90) day period.

Amended 7/3/2024

DIVISION 2

DEKEN PARK

17-2-1      REGULATIONS

- A) It shall be unlawful for any person to have an open fire anywhere in the park.
- B) The Park shall have “no smoking” areas which will be designated with signs.
- C) Except for authorized service vehicles, vehicles are allowed in the parking lot and entrance area only. Any unauthorized vehicles found beyond the parking lot area, specifically on the walking trails, basketball courts or baseball diamonds, will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- D) It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any rule or regulation approved by the City Council and posted in the park.

17-2-2      PARK CURFEW

It shall be unlawful for person, regardless of age, to be or to remain upon the premises known as “Deken Park” and owned by the City of St. Elmo between the hours of Midnight and 5:00 a.m.

17-2-3      SPEED LIMIT

A speed limit for all motor vehicles within the park has been established as ten (10) miles per hour and will be posted with appropriate signs.

17-2-4      FINE

Any person or persons found violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined in an amount of not less than One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$175.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each violation of this Ordinance.

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