

Bistone Water



At Your Service

Bistone Municipal Water Supply District

RULES and REGULATIONS

ADOPTED July 1961
Amended April 1967
Amended October 1986
Amended February 1995

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-GOVERNING- LAKE MEXIA Mexia, Texas

LAKE MEXIA

Owned and Operated by
Bistone Municipal Water Supply District
343 LCR Whiterock
P.O. Box 145
Mexia, TX 76667
254-562-5922 or 254-562-5222

General Information

Construction Cost - \$1,200,000
Date filled to Capacity- June 18, 1961
Water Impounded – 10,000 Acre Feet
Surface area – 1200 Acres
Spillway Elevation – 449 Feet
Purpose- Industrial and Domestic Water Supply
Recreation-Boating, Picnicking, Fishing, Skiing, Cabin
Sites

Lake Mexia is **not** a **constant level reservoir**. The water level **will fluctuate** as current weather conditions dictate. The lake has been as low as 4-½ feet below the normal spillway elevation to **7'-2" above** the normal spillway elevation since the inundation of the lake. Bistone Municipal Water Supply District has **no** ability to control the elevation of the lake. The areas around Lake Mexia have experienced numerous flooding events in the past. **All property owners should be aware of the potential for flooding and take the necessary precautions** deemed appropriate.

ORDINANCE NO. 8

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BISTONE MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 6 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATION GOVERNING LAKE MEXIA, LIMESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE, AND PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL INVALIDITY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR OF BISTONE MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

Bistone Municipal Water Supply District, by virtue, and in accordance with, Article 8280-206 creating said Water District, hereby establishes the various Rules and Regulation of the said Bistone Municipal Water Supply District, which Rules and Regulations are in addition to the various State Statutes of Texas governing the occupants and users of lands and waters belonging to water districts, and hereby adopts, the following penal ordinance governing activities and conduct in and about Lake Mexia, Limestone County, Texas;

THE BISTONE MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT SHALL BE REFERRED TO IN ALL THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS DISTRICT.

The District's Ordinance: No. 6 is herein repealed in its entirety.

ARTICLE I

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 1: Except for certain areas designated; or to be designated as public recreation and picnic areas or for use of approved concessionaires and for the water treatment plant site and intake structure protection area, **all of the lands owned by the District surrounding Lake Mexia are restricted to residential use**, except where special written permission is given by the District through their General Manager, for other uses.

Section 2: No temporary structures or any kind or character shall be permitted to be placed upon any lot in the absence of special written permission thereof and shall be removed upon notice to do so by the District.

Section 3: Each lot leased for any purpose is subject to unlimited easement for the construction, operation, and maintenance of all utility facilities, for the purpose of serving any and all of the property owned by the District surrounding Lake Mexia.

Section 4: Each lessee is permitted to construct passageways on leased premises for his own personal private use, but any such passageway shall be constructed at lessee's expense and shall be constructed and maintained so as to prevent the erosion of the soil. No drainage ditch shall be constructed without prior written consent of the District.

Section 5: No trees in excess of four (4) inches in diameter, measured four (4) feet from the ground, shall be cut on any property without prior written consent of the District.

Section 6: **No commercial farming or truck gardening** shall be permitted on any lot on Lake Mexia, nor shall any practice or use or land be permitted that is causing or calculated to cause erosion.

Section 7: Any improvements of any kind constructed shall be at the risk of the lessee and the District **shall not be liable for any damage** to such improvements caused by **inundation or otherwise**. The suggested minimum finished floor elevation should be 457 feet.

Section 8: Any lessee may use water from Lake Mexia for normal usage in connection with said leased premises only provided that **not over 1 horsepower motor pump** is used in obtaining such water.

Section 9: AN INDIVIDUAL ADJUDGED GUILTY OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CLASS C MISDEMEANOR WHICH SHALL CARRY PUNISHMENT THROUGH A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00.

A person commits an offense if he intentionally or knowingly:

- (a) Fails to keep all pets under his care, custody and control;
- (b) Keeps trash, junk, appliances, etc., outside of buildings in an unsightly manner;
- (c) Keeps cars or other vehicles without current license and safety inspection on or near his leasehold property;
- (d) Fails to keep the grass and weeds cut to below a height of twelve (12) inches;
- (e) Keeps livestock or fowls on leasehold property;
- (f) Discharge a pistol or rifle in, on, or across Lake Mexia or any property owned by Bistone Municipal Water Supply District;
- (g) Throws or dumps trash or refuse into the waters and/or property owned by Bistone Municipal Water Supply District;
- (h) Disturbs the peace by loud music or other noise after 10:30 p.m.
- (i) Operates a three-wheeler or four-wheeler on any public road.

Section 10: The District shall in no event be liable to any person on account of the loss or damage to any property that may be place in or upon Lake Mexia, nor shall the District be liable in any event to any person whomsoever on account of personal injuries or loss of life that may be sustained by any person or persons in or upon Lake Mexia, and any person entering in or upon Lake Mexia shall do so at his sole risk, and shall not be privileged to enter or remain in or upon Lake Mexia save and except under the terms and provisions of this section, this chapter, and such other applicable ordinances, resolutions, and regulations that have been, or may hereafter be adopted by the District.

ARTICLE II

RESTRICTIONS OF USE AND
OCCUPANCY OF LOTS

Section 1: All transfers or assignments of leases must have the prior written consent of the District and executed copy evidencing said consent shall be filed with the District Secretary's office before becoming effective in-so-far as the District is concerned.

Section 2: No house shall be erected or no trailer house containing less than three hundred fifty (350) square feet excluding porch, and all exposed woodwork shall be painted. The exterior plan shall be submitted to the District's Manager before the construction is begun, for his approval.

Section 3: All renters must register with the District upon occupancy. Lease holders are responsible for registering of their renters. Lease holders are legally responsible for any or all violations of lake rules by renters.

Section 4: Not more than one residence and not more than one boat house may be placed on one lot; however, this section shall not apply as to lots leased to corporations, clubs, groups or companies.

Section 5: Plans for boat houses and fishing piers must be submitted to the District Manager for approval before construction is begun.

Section 6: Only boat docks or other structures of similar nature, fixed or floating, used for pleasure may be located on, in or near the waters of Lake Mexia, except those owned by approved concessionaires and the District.

ARTICLE III

SANITARY REGULATIONS

Section 1: Before any lot is used for residential purposes or overnight camping, and before any living quarters and placed thereon, **each lessee shall provide on his or her lot at their expense a septic tank that complies with the applicable laws, rules and regulations of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission**, plans for location and construction of septic tanks, field lines, and sanitary facilities shall be submitted to the District Manager for approval before construction is begun. After receiving a permit to construct the septic tank system, it shall be inspected by the permitting authority after placement of piping to ensure compliance with the permit.

Section 2: All garbage and trash shall be collected and removed from the leased premises by the lessee at **least once weekly**.

ARTICLE IV HUNTING AND FISHING REGULATIONS

Section 1: All valid laws of the State of Texas and of the United States Government relating to hunting and fishing shall always be in effect on all property owned by the District.

Section 2: Hunting for migratory waterfowl is allowed north of Hwy. 84, and such hunting shall be subject to all laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America governing the same.

Section 3: No **pistol or rifle** shall be shot, fired, or discharged in, on, along or across Lake Mexia or in, on, along or across or upon any property owned by the District except by duly constituted peace officers, game wardens, and other representatives of the Game and Fish Commission and employees of the District when in discharge of their duties as such.

Section 4: Hunting of water fowl is permitted only with a shot gun. Buckshot and slugs shall not be used. Steel shot only.

Section 5: Duck blinds used on Lake Mexia shall not be in place more than ten (10) days prior to the

opening of duck season and shall not remain later than ten (10) days after the close of the duck season.

Section 6: Seining, netting and trapping for any fish other than minnows and shad for bait is hereby prohibited. **No person shall have in his possession, on any property of Lake Mexia, any seine, net or trapping device other than a minnow seine**. Non-metallic trotlines are permissible; however, no trotline shall be set within 200 feet of any public dock, pier, bathing pier, beach, or any place commonly used by the public as a wading or swimming area, and further no trotlines shall be permitted in the skiing area from May 15 through Labor Day each year. No trotlines shall be longer than 200 feet or contain more than 50 hooks.

Section 7: No person shall sell or buy or offer to sell or buy or to take or to possess fish for commercial purposes from the waters of Lake Mexia.

Section 8: No game fish, goldfish, cannibal minnows, Mexican minnows, or other fishes deemed detrimental to lake ecology shall be used as bait in Lake Mexia.

Section 9: No bottles, cans, or floats of any kind may be used for the purpose of taking fish unless tied to a stationary object or held by the fisherman.

Section 10: No fishing shall be permitted within the areas designated by signs and floats as a "no fishing" area around the District's raw water intake facilities.

Section 11: No fishing, swimming, or diving shall be allowed from the spillway of Lake Mexia.

ARTICLE V BOATS & WATERCRAFTS OF ANY KIND

Section 1: Only private boats used for pleasure shall be permitted on the waters of Lake Mexia.

Section 2: No person, firm, or corporation may operate boats, barges, rafts, crafts or any kind, or other similar devices for commercial purposes on the water of Lake Mexia.

ARTICLE VI
ENFORCEMENT

Section 3: All boats, barges, rafts, crafts of any kind, or other similar devices constructed, used, or operated on or near the waters of Lake Mexia shall

adhere to and follow the rules and regulations as set forth in the Texas Water Safety Act.

Section 4: No boat, barge, raft or craft shall be loaded with passengers or cargo beyond its safe carrying capacity, taking into consideration weather and normal operating conditions. No boat, barge, raft or craft having overnight accommodations shall be placed upon or used on the water of Lake Mexia unless and until the same is equipped with approved sanitary facilities. No such boat or barge shall be used, operated or maintained on the water of Lake Mexia as a domicile or place of abode.

Section 5: Every operator of a motorboat shall observe all state rules and observe all Water Safety Rules.

Section 6: All boats, barges, rafts, and other and other similar devices operated on the water of Lake Mexia shall observe all of the rules of the road applicable to inland waterways as set forth by the Texas Water Safety Act. Any duly delegated employee of the District, any game warden, and peace officer, and any special peace officer appointed by the District shall have the right to require the removal of any boat, barge, raft or similar device from the waters of Lake Mexia if the same is operated in violation of any of the rules herein contained, and any person refusing to obey the lawful order of such official shall be deemed guilty of a violation of these regulations.

Section 7: Water skiing, jet skiing, tubing and surfboarding will be allowed only in designated areas and no ski jumps will be allowed on the lake without the written permission of the District.

Section 8: Only persons 14 years of age or older shall operate water jet skis on Lake Mexia.

AN INDIVIDUAL ADJUDGED GUILTY OF A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE I, SECTION 9 OF THESE RULES & REGULATIONS AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00.

Said penalties to be effective five (5) days after the second publication of said caption. The full text of said ordinance and the rules and regulations of Lake Mexia are on file in the office of Bistone Municipal Water Supply District at its office at 343 Whiterock Drive, Lake Mexia, Texas 76667.

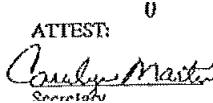
An individual adjudged guilty of a violation of any other Article and/or Section shall be subject to the procedure and provisions for termination of any lease for violation of any rule, regulation, or ordinance of the District, or the terms of the lease contract between the District and lessee, are fully set out in the lease contract as executed by the District.

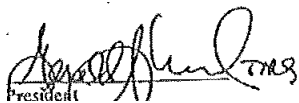
That the invalidity of any part of this ordinance shall not invalidate any other part thereof. That the terms and provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed to be severable and that if the validity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CAPTION IN THE MEXIA DAILY NEWS:

The Board of Directors of the Bistone Municipal Water Supply District at a meeting on the 20th day of February, 1995 authorized publication of the ordinance caption and any penalty provision for violating said ordinance in the Mexia Daily News once a week for two consecutive weeks on February 28 and March 7, 1995.

DULY PASSED on this day of 20th day of February 1995.

ATTEST:

Secretary


President

Secretary

President

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bistone Municipal Water Supply District, by virtue, and in accordance with, Article 8280-206 creating said Water District, hereby gives notice of the change, to the Rules and Regulations governing the occupants and users of lands and water belonging to the Water District.

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An individual adjudged guilty of a violation of Article I Section 9 of these Rules and Regulations and this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00. Said penalties to be effective five (5) days after the second publication of said caption. The full text of said ordinance and the Rules and Regulations of Lake Mexia are on file in the office of Bistone Municipal Water Supply District at its office at 343 LCR Whiterock, Lake Mexia, Texas 76667.

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Gerald S. Mack, D. D.S., President
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R. Brent Locke, General Manager

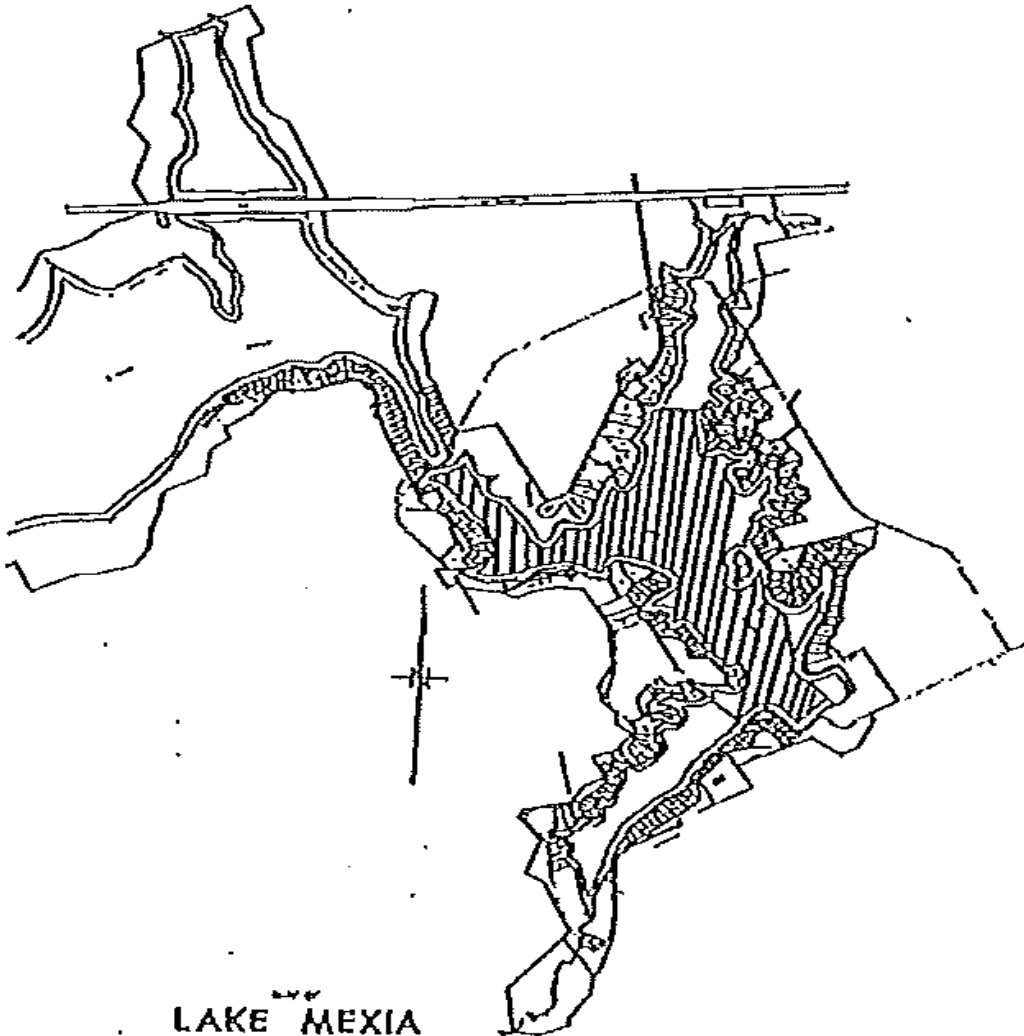
BISTONE MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT
LAKE MEXIA MARINA AREA
BOAT RAMP RULES

IS NOW AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT
NO CHARGE

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR VISIT AND PLEASE FOLLOW THE RULES. VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW!

1. NO PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE!
2. ONLY ONE VEHICLE AT A TIME USING THE RAMP!
3. NO LITTERING "GIVE A HOOT DON'T POLLUTE!
4. DO NOT GO INTO "NO TRESSPASSING" AREAS!
5. BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS WAITING TO USE THE RAMP!
Move your vehicle as soon as possible.
6. OBEY ALL LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS. THE RULES OF "TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE" AND THE "TEXAS WATER SAFETY ACT", AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING LAKE MEXIA. THE GAME WARDENS WILL BE PATROLLING THE LAKE.
7. NO LOITERING IN THIS AREA BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00- P.M.- 5:00 A.M.

USE THIS FACILITY AT YOUR OWN RISK!
BISTONE M.W.S.D. WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE OF PROPERTY, ANY ACCIDENT OR ANY OTHER LOSS EVENT!
HAVE A HAPPY SAFE OUTING
BE CAREFUL!



City of
LAKE MEXIA
SHELBY COUNTY
TEXAS

Scale 1" = 1000'



DESIGNATED SKIING AREA

