

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2 OF 2002**

**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF WATERCRAFT ON CANE RIVER WATERWAY ON EVENINGS WHEN FIREWORK DISPLAYS ARE PUT ON IN DOWNTOWN NATCHITOCHES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Cane River Waterway Commission is a political subdivision of the State, created pursuant to R. S. 34:3261, et. seq.; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER** , the Cane River Waterway Commission was created for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the Cane River Waterway; included in the powers delegated to the Cane River Waterway District is the power be the regulatory authority of the Cane River Waterway and its use by authority of R. S. 34:3269(13); and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, fireworks are displayed several times a year on the bank of Cane River Lake in downtown Natchitoches; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City of Natchitoches regulates the operation of watercraft during the Christmas Festival fireworks display under Section 22-36 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Natchitoches, but does not regulate watercraft traffic on the other days when fireworks are displayed; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the Board of the Cane River Waterway Commission desires to provide for the safety and welfare of the passengers of watercraft during the display of fireworks, and further desires to comply with the orders of the State Fire Marshall; accordingly

**BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED** by the Board of the Cane River Waterway Commission, that Cane River Lake shall be closed to watercraft (as defined in Ordinance No. 1 of 2001) traffic from the area behind the old Parish Library in the South to an extension of St. Maurice Lane in the North, or that area designated by the Fire Marshall, on each and every day that fireworks are displayed on the banks of Cane River lake in downtown Natchitoches, beginning one (1) hour prior to the display of fireworks and until the display of fireworks is completed.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED** that it shall be unlawful to park any watercraft along the bank of Cane River Lake within that area designated above within one (1) hour prior to the display of fireworks and until the display of fireworks is completed.



