

1 **“RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR USE OF LYTLE LAKE”**

2 I. Access to, and use of, Lytle Lake shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas
3 (including the Texas Water Safety Act), Rules of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department,
4 and these Rules and Guidelines.

5 II. The following persons shall have the right to use Lytle Lake for boating, water skiing,
6 fishing and swimming purposes:

7 A. Persons residing in the District or who own taxable property in the District;

8 B. Persons residing outside the District but within the Lytle Shores Additions, the
9 Spillway Point Addition and the Lytle Shores West Addition to the City of
10 Abilene, Texas, but only to the extent permitted or authorized by the recorded
11 privileges and conditions applicable to such Additions;

12 C. Bona fide guests of persons described in A. and B. above; and

13 D. Other persons who may lawfully enter upon the waters of Lytle Lake.

14 III. The District does not provide designated swimming areas. The only boat ramp provided
15 by the District is not open to the general public, but may only be used by persons
16 residing in the District or who own taxable property within the District, residents of Lytle
17 Shores Additions whose lots do not adjoin the Lake. Only persons identified in A. and B.
18 may operate or use their boats or other water craft on the Lake. Guests of persons
19 described in A. or B. above may only use the Lake while accompanied by their host, and
20 may not use their own boats or watercraft without a temporary identification sticker

21 from the District. A temporary sticker will be issued only to a person described in A. or
22 B. above.

23 IV. All motor-powered boats and water craft, and any non-powered boat or water craft
24 over 12 feet in length, using the Lake must be registered with the District. A numbered
25 identification sticker issued by the District shall be placed upon each such boat or water
26 craft used on the Lake. Identification stickers can be obtained from the office of the
27 District, at the Lytle Lake Water Control and Improvement District, 1013 Energy Drive,
28 Abilene, Texas 79602.

29 V. Boating guidelines:

30 A. All boats and other water craft operated on Lytle Lake must be seaworthy. No
31 boat or water craft over 35 feet in length is allowed on the Lake.

32 B. No one under 13 years of age may operate a powered boat or water craft on the
33 Lake. Any person 13-18 years of age operating a boat or other craft powered by
34 motor of 10 horsepower or more must have passed a boater education course
35 approved by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department or be accompanied by a
36 person who is 18 years of age or older.

37 C. Each person riding on or towed behind a "personal water craft" (Seadoo, Jet Ski,
38 Wave Runner, etc.) must wear a personal flotation device. All water skiers must
39 also wear a life jacket or other personal flotation device.

40 D. All boats and other water craft (powered or not) shall have a life jacket or other

41 personal flotation device for each person onboard, whether operator or
42 passenger.

43 E. No boat or other water craft (powered or not) may be operated on Lytle Lake
44 after sundown without proper lighting in compliance with applicable federal or
45 state law. No boat or water craft shall be equipped with a siren; and operation of
46 all boats and water craft shall comply with City of Abilene noise ordinances.

47 F. Boats and other water craft shall be operated, and skiing, fishing and other
48 recreational activities shall be conducted, at all times in a safe and prudent
49 manner so as to protect the safety and well-being of their occupants, other
50 persons using Lytle Lake, and adjoining property owners, as well as their
51 property. Boats and other water craft, while operating within 30 feet of the
52 shore or any pier, dock or other structure on or extending into the Lake, shall not
53 exceed 5 miles per hour. Reckless, hazardous or other unsafe operation of any
54 boat or other water craft is strictly prohibited.

55 G. Except when entering or leaving the Lake, no boat or other water craft shall be
56 operated, nor shall any person water ski or fish from a boat or other water craft,
57 within 30 feet of (i) any pier, dock or other structure on, or extending into, Lytle
58 Lake, (ii) the dam, spillways and other improvements at the north end of the
59 Lake, or (iii) the bridge at the south end of the Lake.

60 H. No trash, litter, debris (including tree limbs or grass clippings), waste, fuel,
61 lubricant or other objects, materials or substances shall be thrown, dropped,

62 disposed of, or otherwise deposited into, or permitted to enter, the waters of
63 Lytle Lake or, in times of low water levels, into or upon the exposed bed of the
64 Lake. Floating debris that flows into the body of the lake by natural causes shall
65 be removed by the District.

66 I. All fishing on Lytle Lake shall be conducted in compliance with rules and
67 regulations adopted by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department; however, "jug
68 fishing" or fishing by use of trot lines is not allowed on or along the shore of Lytle
69 Lake.

70 J. No firearms, bow and arrow, or other weapons (excluding fishing knives) ~~are~~
71 ~~allowed on the Lake, nor~~ may ~~such~~ be fired or discharged ~~on the lake or~~ from the
72 shore over or toward the Lake.

73 VI. Enforcement of Rules and Guidelines.

74 A. Policing and enforcement of these Rules and Guidelines is the duty and
75 responsibility of the District, all residents of the District, and all users of the Lake.
76 All violations or suspected violations of these Rules and Guidelines, and any
77 other complaints or concerns regarding use of the Lake, shall be reported to the
78 District office at the Lytle Lake Water Control and Improvement District, or by
79 telephone at the District office (690-0835).

80 B. Any person violating these Rules and Guidelines shall be first issued a written
81 warning by the District. A second violation of these Rules and Guidelines may
82 result in a civil fine not to exceed \$200 and/or restrictions placed on the

83 violator's use of the Lake, as determined by the Board of Directors of the District.
84 A third offense or violation shall result in a fine not to exceed \$500 and/or loss of
85 the violator's right to use the Lake.

86 C. Citations may be issued by any employee or agent of the District, or by any
87 peace officer licensed by the State of Texas. These Rules and Guidelines may also
88 be enforced by appropriate proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction in
89 Taylor County, Texas. Violation of these Rules is also a Class C misdemeanor
90 under § 51.241 of the Texas Water Code, punishable by a criminal fine not to
91 exceed \$500.

92 VII. The District reserves the right to amend these Rules and Guidelines from time to time as
93 the Board of Directors of the District deems necessary or in the best interest of the
94 District. The District further reserves the right to impose temporary restrictions upon
95 the use of Lytle Lake when necessary to protect (i) the water quality of the Lake, (ii) the
96 health and/or safety of the residents of the District, (iii) other users of the Lake, or their
97 property, particularly when low water levels make use of the Lake for recreational
98 purposes unreasonably dangerous or hazardous, or (iv) whenever the Board of Directors
99 determines, in its discretion, that use of the Lake must be restricted or prohibited in
100 order to carry out any lawful purpose or function of the District.”