

**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF BLOUNT
TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE**

ORDINANCE NO. HL 2025-04

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH FISHING REGULATIONS
ON HIGHLAND LAKE AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATIONS THEREOF**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA, AS
FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1: PROVISIONS

- A. This Ordinance adopts the fishing laws and regulations of the State of Alabama, as established by the Bureau of Conservation, with the following exceptions:
 - 1. No method other than hook and line with natural or artificial bait may be used to fish, take, catch, or attempt to fish in or on the waters of Highland Lake.
 - 2. Snagging and snatching are prohibited in or on the waters of Highland Lake.
 - 3. Trot Line fishing shall not be permitted in or on the waters of Highland Lake.
 - 4. Jug fishing shall not be permitted in or on the waters of Highland Lake.
 - 5. Limb line or other similar fixed unattended line fishing shall not be permitted in or on the waters of Highland Lake.

- B. All persons using Highland Lake *shall* purchase either an annual "Lake Use Permit" or daily "Bank Fishing Permit".

SECTION 2: FIREARM RESTRICTION

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess a firearm while operating a boat or as a passenger in a boat, unless said person is a designated enforcement officer engaged in the fulfillment of his or her duties.

SECTION 3: LAKE USE RESTRICTIONS

There shall be no commercial fishing or fishing tournaments permitted in or on the waters of Highland Lake unless authorized by the Mayor and the Town Council.

SECTION 4: VIOLATION

Failure to observe this ordinance shall result in an issuance of a citation / notice.

SECTION 5: PENALTIES

- A. Upon violation and issuance of a citation / notice, issued by the Town of Highland Lake, the defendant, on a first, second, or third violation, may elect to enter a guilty plea to the offense and waive his or her right to trial before the District Court of Blount County, Alabama and remit the appropriate fine to the Town of Highland Lake within 30 days of issuance of citation / notice. Fines must be remitted in person at the Highland Lake Town Hall. Failure to act within the 30 days of

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issuance of citation / notice will result in referral to the District Court of Blount County for further action. The following fee schedule will be applied, provided that the violation has been abated:

- 1st Violation shall be one hundred and no/100 dollars (\$100) and 30-day revocation of lake use privileges.
- 2nd Violation shall be two hundred and no/100 dollars (\$200) and six-month revocation of lake use privileges.
- 3rd Violation shall be three hundred and no/100 dollars (\$300) and permanent revocation of lake use privileges.

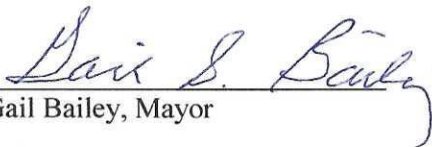
B. If the Defendant is found guilty by the District Court of Blount County, Alabama, the Court may impose a fine or imprisonment or both along with court costs. Violations of this Ordinance are punishable by a term of imprisonment in the Blount County Jail not to exceed 30 days and/or a fine as described in the fee schedule above.

SECTION 6: PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE


Upon passage of this Ordinance, all previous Ordinances and amendments pertaining to fishing regulations within the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama are hereby rescinded.

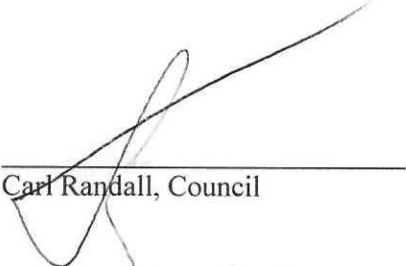
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Adopted and approved this the 4th day of March 2025.


Gail Bailey, Mayor


Sid Nelson, Council


Sam Pearson, Council


Carl Randall, Council


Bobby Rhodes, Council


Ramzi Malek, Council

ATTEST:


Mary Ann Allen, Clerk