

TOWN OF SIMMESPORT

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE 09-01-2023

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF THE TOWN OF SIMMESPORT SPLASH PAD

Whereas, Louisiana Revised Statute Title 33 Section 361 provides that except as provided in the Laws of the State of Louisiana, a municipality shall be vested with all powers, rights, privileges, immunities, authorities, and duties heretofore possessed in accordance with all constitutional and statutory provisions with respect thereto, and is further authorized to exercise any power and perform any function necessary, requisite, or proper for the management of its affairs that is not denied by law.

Whereas, the Town of Simmesport has constructed a splash pad for public use and is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of said splash pad, the following rules and regulations shall apply to anyone using the splash pad:

1. In the event of an emergency, call 911 immediately.
2. No alcohol, illegal substances, amplified music or weapons allowed.
3. Proper swimwear attire must be worn at all times. Street shoes are prohibited. Sandals, water shoes, flip flops or appropriate deck wear is recommended.
4. The splash pad is open on a first come, first serve basis and is offered at no charge.
5. The Town of Simmesport is not liable from injuries resulting from unsafe or improper use.
6. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Parents are responsible for the supervision of their child at all times.
7. No running, horseplay, abusive language is permitted. Individuals engaging in unsafe or disruptive behavior will be asked to leave the splash pad.
8. Do not change diapers on or near the splash pad. All non-toilet trained children are required to wear a swim diaper.
9. Food and drinks are not allowed within the splash pad area.
10. No glass, bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades or chairs are allowed in the splash pad play area.
11. Do not hang, swing, or pull on the splash pad equipment. Do not block drains.
12. Please move to a safe place away from the pad at the first sign of thunder or lightning. Please wait 30 minutes after a thunder or lightning event to utilize the splash pad.
13. Pets, toys, water balloons, beach balls, pool noodles, cups, buckets and water guns are not permitted inside the splash pad play area.
14. No bathing, soap, detergent or shampoo allowed.
15. Use of the splash pad while ill with a contagious disease is prohibited. Individuals with open sores or who are sick should not enter the splash pad area.
16. No outside vendors such as concession carts, mobile food or drink, ice cream/sno cone vehicles or tents or any other outside vendor will be permitted.
17. The splash pad may be closed at any time due to weather, maintenance or operational requirements.
18. The Town of Simmesport reserves the right to remove anyone violating rules or unacceptable behavior.

Anyone caught violating these rules may be subject to penalties as defined in the Town of Simmesport Criminal Code Ordinance

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01-09-2023 under General Penalty.

Now, Be it further ordained, that this Ordinance, and each provision hereto, shall rescind, take precedence over, amend, supersede, and replace any other such ordinances that may have been adopted or that may be in effect as of the effective date of this Ordinance referencing the subject matter of this Ordinance without nullifying or compromising any act performed by a person duly authorized by any previously effective ordinance.


Be it further ordained, that this Ordinance, and the ordinances set forth herein *in globo*, shall be effective immediately upon adoption and upon the Mayor's signature.


Be it further ordained, that this ordinance was introduced through a Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Simmesport during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Aldermen on the 10th day of July, 2023 by Alderwoman Kennedy, with a second to the motion by Alderman Bell, and the Board of Aldermen then passed the resolution introducing this Ordinance by no less than a majority vote.

Be it further ordained, that a public hearing having been duly held on the 18th day of September, 2023, the title read, and the ordinance considered, on motion by **Alderman Remaro Turner**, seconded by **Alderman Patrick Wright**, a record vote was had as follows:

	For	Against	Absent	Abstain
Alderman Glen Gautreaux	X			
Alderman Tiesha Kennedy	X			
Alderman Patrick Wright	X			
Alderman Sherman Bell	X			
Alderman Romaro Turner	X			

Ordained this 10th day of September, 2023, at a duly called and announced meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Simmesport, at which a quorum was present and the vote of the Board of Aldermen recorded above.


Rev. Leslie Draper, III
Mayor


Jalesia Batiste
Town Clerk