

STOKES COUNTY ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON RIVERS IN STOKES COUNTY.

SECTION 1. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND INTENT

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to legislation enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly as set forth in **Senate Bill 787**, authorizing Stokes County to enact an ordinance prohibiting the possession or consumption of alcohol on rivers in Stokes County. The intent and purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the public using the rivers of Stokes County.

SECTION 2. POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON STOKES COUNTY RIVERS PROHIBITED

It is unlawful to possess or consume any alcoholic beverage on the waters of any navigable river in Stokes County or within 50 feet of the banks of any river in Stokes County unless consumption is in a venue licensed and approved by the State of North Carolina.

SECTION 3. EXCEPTIONS TO ORDINANCE

This Ordinance does not apply to a landowner, the landowner's tenant, or the landowner's or tenant's guests on the landowner's property, if that property is adjacent to a river. This Ordinance also does not apply to the waters in Stokes County that have been impounded to form Belews Lake, which is owned by Duke Energy.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES

Violation of this Ordinance is a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus court costs.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT

This Ordinance is enforceable by law enforcement officers of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, by officers of the Stokes County Sheriff's Department, and by all other law enforcement officers having jurisdiction within the boundaries of Stokes County.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

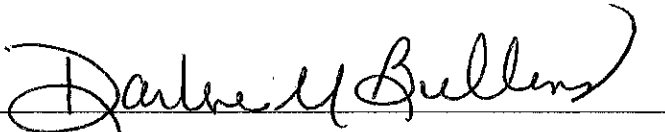
This Ordinance becomes effective on **August 1, 2016**, and applies to offenses committed on or after this date.

Enacted this **27th** day of **June, 2016**.



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Chairman of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners



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