

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NO FISHING OR BOATING ZONES WITHIN FIFTY FEET OF THE ARTIFICIAL SPAWNING STRUCTURES ON RACCOON LAKE FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL, MAY AND JUNE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Centralia has tasked the Fishing Quality Committee to focus on the improvement of bass levels on Raccoon Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fishing Quality Committee has constructed 50 artificial spawning structures designed to provide a safe and attractive environment for spawning bass; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fishing Quality Committee will place the structures in five non-residential shoreline areas around Raccoon Lake in clusters of ten; and

**WHEREAS**, bass are particularly susceptible to being caught by angling and fishing off the artificial spawning beds while incubating eggs or guarding fry; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of no fishing zones within fifty feet of the artificial spawning structures would render approximately 750 feet of Raccoon Lake’s 16.4 miles of shoreline inaccessible to boating and angling for the months of April, May and June.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, ILLINOIS, that:**

Section One: No fishing zones are hereby established within fifty feet of the artificial spawning structures on Raccoon Lake for the months of April, May and June (see attached Exhibit A for locations).

Section Two: The City does authorize the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources to place said spawning structures in the designated areas and to maintain said structures as needed.

Section Three: The fine for violation of this ordinance is set from \$150.00 to \$750.00.

Section Four: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and shall be in force until so repealed by the City Council.

**PASSED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.**

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**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk**

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