

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

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NO FISHING 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 with 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 nonresidential 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

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

The City of Centralia gives permission and authorization to the Illinois Department of Conservation to proceed with the initiation of a Commercial Fish Removal Agreement and the procurement of a contractor to perform commercial fishing on Raccoon Lake hereby authorizes the City Manager to direct and to sign and execute a future agreement on behalf of the City.

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

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**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk**

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