



# Albemarle County

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 17-352, **Version:** 1

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**AGENDA DATE:** 5/10/2017

**TITLE:**

Ordinance to Amend County Code Chapter 11, Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:** Public hearing to consider an ordinance to amend Chapter 11, Parks and Recreation, Articles I, II and III

**ITEM TYPE:** Regular Action Item

**STAFF CONTACT(S):** Walker, Kamptner, Crickenberger

**PRESENTER (S):** Greg Kamptner

**LEGAL REVIEW:** Yes

**REVIEWED BY:** Douglas C. Walker

**BACKGROUND:** In the early 1970's, Chris Greene Lake was approved by the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors for development as a recreational facility. Chris Greene Lake at that time was considered a supplemental water supply needed to augment the stream flow of the North Fork Rivanna River Intake. Even though it was built as both a recreational facility and a drinking water reservoir, it has never been put to use as a public water supply and instead for over 45 years has been managed and maintained as the County's most popular Regional Park. It is estimated the annual visitation at Chris Greene is over 120,000.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** Quality Government Operations: Ensure County's government capacity to provide high quality service that achieves community priorities.

**DISCUSSION:** On April 12, 2017, staff provided the following information for the Board's consideration:

- 1) Based on the Gannett Fleming Study dated July 2004, the use of Chris Greene Lake as a water supply alternative was evaluated. Due to the small yield, it was not carried further for analysis as a water supply alternative.
- 2) The Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority's (RWSA) 2014 Reservoir Water Quality and Management Study, does not identify or manage Chris Greene Lake as a public drinking water reservoir.
- 3) The RWSA identifies five reservoirs. Sugar Hollow, Rivanna River (South Fork), Ragged Mountain, Totier Creek, and Beaver Creek. Chris Greene Lake is not identified as a supplemental public drinking water alternative.

The proposed ordinance amendment will allow the following authorized recreational activities:

- 1) Water-related activities
- 2) Boating or watercraft that is human powered or powered by an electric motor
- 3) Fishing
- 4) Picnicking
- 5) Biking
- 6) Hiking/running

- 7) Dogs on leash and dogs off leash in designated areas
- 8) Special events approved by the Director
- 9) Emergency response training

**BUDGET IMPACT:** The adoption of the proposed ordinance will have no budget impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that, after the public hearing, the Board adopt the attached proposed ordinance (Attachment A).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A - Proposed Ordinance