

§RS 38.213. Riding or hauling on levees prohibited

- A. No person shall ride, drive, or haul upon the public levees or integrated coastal protection projects or their rights-of-way except where, in the judgment of the levee commissioners of a district and the Department of Transportation and Development, or, for levees or integrated coastal protection projects in the coastal area as defined in R.S. 49:214.2, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, ample provision has been made to guard against any damage to which the levees or integrated coastal protection projects may thereby be exposed from wear, tear, and abuse. Each levee district shall publish guidance, erect signage, and require special permits as they deem appropriate to allow them to make provisions for limited riding, driving, or hauling.
- B. Each governing authority is authorized to set the penalty for violation of this Section, provided that the penalty shall not exceed the penalty for criminal trespass, as defined in R.S. 14:63, and the governing authority may seek injunctive relief and collect all expenses incurred as a result of the violation.
- C. This Section shall not be construed to restrict the proper officers of the state or of any levee district or parish while in the performance of duty in inspecting, guarding, or repairing the levees or integrated coastal protection projects.
- D. Nothing in this Section shall interfere with the crossing over any public levees, at ramps or inclines established under plans and specifications of the Department of Transportation and Development, or, for levees or integrated coastal protection projects in the coastal area as defined in R.S. 49:214.2, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. Nothing in this Section shall interfere with the ability of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board to carry out its responsibilities as the local sponsor for all integrated coastal protection projects, in its jurisdiction, pursuant to R.S. 49:214.1(F).

Acts 2010, No. 734, §3; Acts 2011, No. 371, §1; Acts 2012, No. 604, §2, eff. June 7, 2012.

RS 49:214.5.8. Certain activities on dunes prohibited; penalties; speed limits on beaches

- A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, unless operating under a permit issued by a state or federal agency, no person shall engage in any of the following activities on any dune located on public or private land in the coastal area:
 - (1) Willful or malicious cutting, altering, breaking, or destroying a dune in any manner or attempting to cut, alter, break, or destroy a dune in any manner.
 - (2) Riding, driving, operating, or hauling any motorized or mechanical vehicle except on public roads.
- B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (A)(2) of this Section, private owners of land located in the coastal area, their employees, or independent contractors hired by the landowner may traverse dunes located on land owned by that landowner using motorized and mechanical vehicles during the course and scope of inspection, repair, construction, or other improvements to the land.
- C. "Dune" shall be defined as a natural or man-made mound or bluff of sand, located landward of the beach, that has sufficient vegetation, height, continuity, and configuration to be of protective value.
- D. Violation of this Section shall be punishable as follows:
 - (1) For the first offense, the fine shall be one hundred dollars.
 - (2) For the second offense, the fine shall be five hundred dollars.
 - (3) For the third and all subsequent offenses, the fine shall be one thousand dollars and imprisonment for not less than thirty days, nor more than sixty days.
- E. The governing authority of Cameron Parish may enact speed limits on beaches.

Acts 2009, No. 523, §3, eff. July 10, 2009; Acts 2011, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 7, §1, eff. June 12, 2011.