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Boats moored along Bayou St. John now have to be moved after 24 hours (Della Hasselle, Mid-City Messenger).

The City of New Orleans has officially started enforcing the ordinance banning long-term mooring of boats on Bayou St. John, Councilwoman Susan Guidry announced this week.

On Monday, the New Orleans Mosquito, Rodent, and Termite Control Board began placing stickers on unattended boats along the waterway to notify the owners that they **are in violation of city code**, Guidry said in a press release on Tuesday. The new law, passed this year by City Council, states that owners are responsible for removing their boats within two calendar days, or else owners could face impoundment, fines and even property loss.

Over the past year, Councilwoman Susan Guidry, who wrote the ordinance, has said that the law is designed to protect residents from a gamut of public health threats, including disease-bearing mosquitos, snakes and the possibility of boats becoming missiles during high-wind storms.

“After hearing repeated community concerns regarding abandoned boats along the bayou, I am pleased that the Council passed the ordinance I authored,” Guidry said in the release. “It is my hope

that this ordinance will encourage responsible use of this public space and contribute to improved quality of life for all citizens who regularly enjoy the beauty of Bayou St. John.”

The initial fine for offenders is \$150, with an additional fine of \$10 for every day the boat sits in the impounding lot. The maximum fine is \$250.

Boats may be reclaimed from NOPD Central Evidence and Property with proof of ownership and fee payment, and unclaimed boats will be disposed after six months.

According to Tuesday's press release, the boats may be donated to local non-profit organizations or sold via public auction.