

**TITLE 630. SCENIC RIVERS COMMISSION
CHAPTER 10. LICENSING AND USE PERMITS
(As of October 15, 2015)**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 1. General Provisions and Licensing

630:10-1-5. Commercial licensing procedures, requirements, and annual use fees
[AMENDED]

630:10-1-6. Suspend or revoke license or permit [AMENDED]

630:10-1-7. Limitation on licensing of flotation devices [AMENDED]

630:10-1-9. Non-commercial fee procedures [AMENDED]

Subchapter 2. Public Access Areas

630:10-2-4. Use of public access areas [AMENDED]

Subchapter 3. Boater Safety [NEW]

630:10-3-1. Life Jackets [NEW]

630:10-3-2. Alcoholic beverages [NEW]

SUMMARY:

This proposed rulemaking action is intended to satisfy the overwhelming public demands that the OSRC act to reduce drunken behavior on the Illinois River. A new Subchapter 3 is to be added in this regard, following a finding by the Commission that drunkenness is a public nuisance, with abatement to occur by limiting the concentration of alcoholic beverages and possession of any beverage defined as "spirits" in the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Act is prohibited on Scenic Rivers and in public access areas at all times. The new subchapter 3 makes requirements for the possession and use of life jackets. An additional change would limit to the 2015 amount the number of raft licenses in CFA Two in order to reduce congestion.

AUTHORITY:

Scenic Rivers Commission: 82 O.S., §§ 1451 – 1471.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Anyone may submit written comments to Ed Fite at the Scenic Rivers Commission through October 31, 2015. The OSRC is located 2 miles northeast of Tahlequah on State Highway #10, and its mailing address is P.O. Box 292, Tahlequah, OK 74465-0292. You may also email to ed.fite@osrc.ok.gov.

The OSRC will then consider adopting the proposed rules at a special business meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at the Tahlequah Armory Municipal Center, located at 100 North Water Street, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing to take comments will convene during the November 17, 2015 Special Business Meeting.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

Small business will be impacted by the new fees in this proposed rulemaking, and possibly by the new signage and reporting requirements. The OSRC requests that any business entity affected by these proposed changes provide the OSRC with information, within the comment period, in dollar amounts if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs, or other costs expected to be incurred due to compliance with the proposed rules.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing to or visiting the OSRC office listed above, or from the OSRC website at www.ok.gov/osrc.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S., § 303(D), a rule impact statement is being prepared and will be available for review at the OSRC office and website by October 15, 2015.

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