



FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

A WORD ABOUT HUNTING WITHIN LAKE TANSI

Lake Tansi is a beautiful place with much wildlife to be enjoyed. Being in the heart of Tennessee, it is to be expected that people like to hunt and fish. We have several beautiful lakes where fishing can be enjoyed. The problem comes in with the desire to hunt within our peaceful community. While it is not presently a violation of the law to hunt within Lake Tansi, the practice does bring with it the possibility of several law violations as a byproduct.

Tennessee Code Annotated 39-13-103 states that a person who recklessly engages in conduct that places or may place another person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury commits the offense of reckless endangerment. Reckless endangerment committed with a deadly weapon is a Class E felony. The discharge of a firearm or a hunting bow can be very dangerous since there are very few places in Lake Tansi where there is enough space between homes to safely do so.

Tennessee Code 70-4-106 requires that hunters and trappers must have permission from the owner of any private land before hunting or trapping. A violation of this law is a class c misdemeanor and can also result in the loss of hunting license. As all land in Lake Tansi is privately owned, it would be a violation of the law to hunt or trap on said land without permission from the owner.

Tennessee Code Annotated 39-14-408 States that a person commits the offense of vandalism who causes damage to or the destruction of any real or personal property of another or of the state, the United States, any county, city, or town knowing that the person does not have the owner's effective consent; In addition to any sentence imposed for a violation, the court shall include an order of restitution for any property damage or loss or cleaning and restoration expenses incurred as a result of the offense.

In light of the possibility of serious injury or death to others, the possibility of

damage to property, the disturbance of the peace, and trespass issues it is very unwise and highly discouraged to hunt or trap wildlife within Lake Tansi. If a person is found hunting by our officers, all of the above issues will be explored, and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will be contacted about any violation of laws within their jurisdiction.

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