



White Lake Keyhole Ordinance

State of Michigan

Regulation of private boat docking on inland lakes is covered under Part 301 of the Inland Lakes and Streams section of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. Public Act 541 of 1994.

State law limits boat docking for private use. The law does not place a specific limit on the number of boats allowed to be docked, at a property, but the ownership of docked boats is regulated.

The DEQ considers private, residential docks to be any docks, which are used solely by the property owner. As long as all the water vessels tied to the dock are owned by the riparian property owner,

If a lakefront property resident provides dock space for boats owned by people who don't live on the property, the property is considered a marina. Regardless of whether the dock space is provided free or for a fee, once multiple boat owners begin using a dock, the DEQ considers it a marina. **If multiple, unrelated individuals have a vested interest in a piece of property; any dock off that land is also considered a marina.** You don't need a marina permit if the resident owns a lot and is docking vessels he owns. If they provide dock space for anyone outside the immediate (property) ownership or there are multiple owners for the facility, then you do need a marina operating permit.

Under Michigan law, if a person who is not a resident of the lakefront lot keeps a boat at an adjacent dock for longer than 24 hours, a marina permit would be required to legally do so. Lake property owner association or condominium association holding are the most common examples of multiple ownership of a lakefront parcel.

Highland Township Ordinance # 421 Lake Access and Docking Regulation

Under REGULATIONS states.

Unless otherwise provided herein, or unless otherwise allowed through special land use or planned unit development, no more than four (4) boats shall be launched from and/or docked adjacent to each lake frontage for a period of seventy-two (72) consecutive hours. All such boats shall be registered with the State of Michigan to the property owner where the boat is docked.



White Lake Ordinance #119 Lake Control Ordinance

Section 12 ENFORCEMENT

It is a violation of this ordinance for any person to erect any dock, or launch any boats from any public **or** private access site, without written consent of the entity or governmental body having jurisdiction over the public or private access site or unless such activity is expressly within any applicable dedication language. If it cannot be determined what entity has jurisdiction over the property, a request for written permission shall be submitted to the Township which will send copies to any homeowners association whose members own property abutting said lake.