

# City of Oconomowoc

## Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry

### **BOAT MOORING POLICY**

The City of Oconomowoc Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department offers public boat mooring facilities as a service to the City of Oconomowoc residents. The City, in no way assumes any liability for damages or injuries to any persons for property including theft, vandalism or any natural occurrences.

#### **Eligibility**

Boat slips shall only be available to City residents, with proof of residency required. Proof of Wisconsin boat registration is required as well. Only one slip per City address is permitted. Residents with or without current boat ownership may apply.

#### **Locations**

Each identified location below will function independently. Each will have its own rotation process and waitlist.

1. City Beach Boardwalk / Island (21)
2. City Beach Jet Ski/Non-Motorized Boat (1)
3. Chestnut Street (6)

#### **Boat Length Requirements**

1. City Beach Boardwalk / Island: Pontoons accepted, maximum length of 24 feet
2. City Beach Jet Ski/Non-Motorized Boat: Only for Jet Ski or non-motorized boats, maximum length of 12 feet.
3. Chestnut Street: No pontoon boats, maximum length of 18 feet.

#### **Waitlist**

Each location listed above will have an independent waitlist. The waitlist fee is \$10 plus tax per location. Annual waitlist renewals are due by the last working day of January. Your spot on the waitlist(s) is based on the date you first registered for the waitlist. Example – first year you register on 06/01/2010. This is your date stamp. This date will carry with you as long as you continue to pay the waitlist fee annually.

**Current mooring residents** are eligible to reapply for the waitlist as follows:

- Boardwalk/Island – When placed in sites #19, #20, & #21 on the Boardwalk, per our rotations, you may reapply for the waitlist and receive a new date stamp.
- Chestnut - When placed in sites #5, & #6, per our rotations, you may reapply for the waitlist and receive a new date stamp.
- Jet Ski – You may reapply for the waitlist and receive a new date stamp when you pay your mooring fees for your second year.

**Waitlist Placement** - The Department will mail letters to waitlist who are eligible to rent the following boat mooring year. Payments of applicable fees plus sales tax must be paid in January of the year you are placed in a mooring location. Example – If receiving a slip in 2015, you must pay in January, 2015. No exceptions will be considered.

For non-boat owning residents who have accepted and paid for slips, proof of ownership is due by April 1 of the intended season. If proof of ownership is not provided by April 1, the request is voided. Exceptions will be made by the Director in cases of unexpected vacancies and short notice.

## **Site Assignments**

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry has the authority to make particular site assignments within each location to best utilize the frontage per the rotation schedule. Slips are non-transferable and cannot be subleased or rented. If the name on the boat registration changes then the slip must be vacated. Any resident who knowingly attempts to circumvent the intent of this policy (such as having multiple residents request slips on their behalf or transferring ownership) shall not be allowed to participate in the City's boat mooring program.

If an assigned mooring site is not occupied by June 15<sup>th</sup> annually, the department will contact the assigned mooring resident to inform them that the site must be occupied by July 1<sup>st</sup> or the site will be reassigned to the next available waitlist and you will be removed from the rotation. No refund. If this occurs, you must follow the waitlist, process per this policy, to be placed in the future. Extenuating circumstances will be evaluated by the Director.

## **Rotations & Placement - Boardwalk / Island**

### Island

Site #1	Site #2	Site #3	Site #4	Site #5	Site #6	Site #7	Site #8	Site #9	Site #10	Jet Ski Only
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### Boardwalk

Site #21	Site #20	Site #19	Site #18	Site #17	Site #16	Site #15	Site #14	Site #13	Site #12	Site #11
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- A minimum of two (2) Boardwalk residents will be removed annually.
  - If no one voluntarily vacates the Boardwalk then Site #21 and Site #19 or #20 based on coin toss will be rotated off. Then sites #19 & #20 will have a coin toss to see who gets Site #21.
  - If one Boardwalk resident does not return, one additional Boardwalk resident will be required to leave, Site #21.
  - If two Boardwalk residents do not return, no other Boardwalk residents will be required to leave.
  - Any additional mooring residents that voluntarily leave the openings will be filled from the waitlist, per this policy.
- New mooring residents from the waitlist will be placed in Site #1 and Site #2
- Residents will shift annually. Example: Sites #1 and Site #2 will shift to Site #3 and Site #4, Sites #3 and Site #4 will shift to Site #5 and Site #6, etc...
- A minimum of two island residents will be placed on the boardwalk annually.
- Minimum number of years at the boardwalk / island location is 5 years, maximum is 11 years.
- If minimum number of years at the boardwalk / island has not been met when a mooring resident is assigned to Sites #21, #20, or #19, the minimum # of boats to be removed can be left up to the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Staff.

## **Rotations & Placement – Chestnut Street**

Site #4	<b>Dock Area</b>	Site #3
Site #5		Site #2
Site #6		Site #1

- A minimum of one (1) boat will be removed annually (Site #6)
- When removed you may apply for the waitlist per guidelines above.
- New mooring resident from the waitlist will be placed in Site #1
- Residents will shift annually. Example: Sites #1 will shift to Site #2, Sites #2 will shift to Site #3, etc...
- Minimum number of years at the Chestnut location is 3 years, maximum is 6 years.
- If minimum number of years at Chestnut Street has not been met when a mooring resident is assigned to Site #6, the minimum # of boats to be removed can be left up to the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Staff.

## **Rotations & Placement – Jet Ski/Non-Motorized Boat**

- The Jet Ski slip is located east of slip #10 on the island (see layout above).
- There will be a two year rotation of this slip, if necessary.

## **Additional Turnover Could Occur**

Additional turnover beyond the removals listed above could occur. This will only happen if any current mooring residents, who have the option to return, choose not to. In these situations, we will place new residents from the waitlist. The new residents will be placed on the island. All other residents will shift according to the guidelines listed above.

## **Renewal**

The Department will mail letters to all existing slip renters who are eligible to rent the following boat mooring year. Renters must inform the Department in January of their intent to renew. Payments of applicable fees plus sales tax are due by the last working day of January. No exceptions will be considered.

## **Mooring Season**

The boat mooring season is May 1 to October 31 for each year. Auger poles will be placed by City Staff prior to May 1 annually.

## **Fees**

Boat mooring fees for a boating season are as follows:

Community Center Mainland/Boardwalk	\$950.00 + tax = \$997.50
Community Center Island	\$850.00 + tax = \$892.50
Chestnut Street	\$750.00 + tax = \$787.50
Jet Ski on Island	\$650.00 + tax = \$682.50

Fee increases will be determined by the Director with the approval of the Parks & Recreation Board as part of the annual budget.

Interpretation of this policy is at the discretion of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry in the event of vagueness and is amendable by the Parks & Recreation Board in the future to implement changes.

### **Implementation**

**Grandfathered** - 2014 Boat mooring residents will be grandfathered and placed in mooring location based on their current tenure in the system.

- Boardwalk/Island Location - Shortest tenure will be placed in Island #1 and longest tenure will be placed in Boardwalk #21.
- Chestnut Location - Shortest tenure will be placed in Chestnut #1 and longest tenure will be placed in Chestnut #6.
- Jet Ski Location – Currently vacant

**Approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission on December 8, 2014.**