

Ordinance 305 – Parking and Use Regulations at the Lake Forest Boat Ramp Facility Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why did the TCPUD Board Adopt Ordinance 305?

Ordinance 305 was adopted to provide clarifying language regarding general use and parking to mitigate the impacts associated with significant increases in commercial operations at the boat ramp.

2. Does Ordinance 305 prohibit any user from launching a motorized watercraft?

No, launching a boat is a permissible activity for all users and is the intended and allowed use of the facility under Ordinance 305.

3. What is prohibited under Ordinance 305?

Ordinance 305 prohibits commercial activity from being conducted on the Lake Forest Boat Ramp property and includes activities carried out for profit such as the rental or delivery of watercraft or a trailer to a customer, picking up or dropping off passengers or cargo, parking of a vehicle and/or trailer which may be used to transport a watercraft which may be used for commercial activity elsewhere, instruction on use of watercraft, or the performance of services of any kind.

4. Does Ordinance 305 address parking?

Ordinance 305 does regulate parking for vehicles, watercraft, and trailers.

5. Can I use the services of a boat mechanic and/or tow service?

If a situation at the launch facility poses an emergency or causes a safety hazard, the District can approve a boat owner to obtain services from a mechanic or tow service.

6. Can I use the picnic tables and small beach on the west side of the boat ramp and pier?

Ordinance 305 specifically pertains to Placer County Assessor's Parcel Number 094-140-014, which is the property owned by the Tahoe City Public Utility District. This property consists of the launch facility, parking lot, kiosk and restroom building only. The property to the west of the boat ramp with picnic tables and a small beach is not part of the District's owned property. It is owned by the State of California and is not subject to Ordinance 305.

7. Who must comply with Ordinance 305?

All users of the facility are subject to comply with Ordinance 305.

8. Can anyone purchase a daily or seasonal launch pass?

Yes, any user can purchase a daily or seasonal launch pass.

9. If I am the owner of a boat and I am renting it to another party, can I launch at the Lake Forest Boat Ramp?

Yes, you may launch the boat at the Boat Ramp. You may not conduct any of the other activities associated with this commercial use outlined in Ordinance 305.

10. Does Ordinance 305 maintain a Special Permit for Contractor Activity?

The General Manager or designated representative may issue a Special Permit to allow limited activity at the facility, such as launching and the loading and unloading of materials to and from watercraft for construction activities within Lake Tahoe, or at locations which can be accessed only from the waters of Lake Tahoe.