

BEAVER LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEAVER LAKE TEMPORARY HALT TO NEW PERMITS

Q1: What is the purpose of the temporary halt in new shoreline permits at Beaver Lake?

A1: The temporary halt is being put into place so that a baseline number of permits and docks can be determined for the master plan revision at the project. During the process of the update, new facilities/permits will not be allowed on the project so that the number of permits* remains constant, allowing the interagency team and public to complete the new revision without changing conditions on the lake. This also prevents processing actions which may not align with the proposed revisions to the Master Plan. This includes all new permits for Ambulatory Assistance Vehicle, electric, mowing/underbrushing, stairs, etc. Additionally, our project office manpower will shift from working on shoreline permits, to working on the Master Plan revision, therefore processing of existing permits will slow down during this time period.

*The number of permits will include current permit applications in process and we will have a projected footprint by January 31, 2015.

Q2: When will the temporary halt in new shoreline permits at Beaver Lake go into effect?

A2: February 1st 2015

Q3: How long will the temporary halt in new shoreline permits at Beaver Lake last?

A3: Typically, a temporary halt in new shoreline permits of this type would last until the master plan update is complete. Currently, it is expected to take approximately 18 months and is scheduled for completion by Spring 2016. If we require additional National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation, or there is litigation, the process will take longer. We will notify the public when we lift the temporary halt on new shoreline permits.

Q4: I have property on Beaver Lake and wanted a mowing or dock permit but missed the January 31st, 2015 deadline to apply, will I be able to apply for a mowing or dock permit?

A4: If you missed the deadline, because your permit request was not received or post-marked prior to January 31st, 2015, you will have to wait until the temporary halt in new shoreline permits is lifted at Beaver Lake to apply for a mowing or dock permit.

Q5: Will permits be reissued to new owners during the temporary halt in new shoreline permits at Beaver Lake?

A5: They may be reissued to a new owner at the same location on Beaver Lake, in conjunction with the sale of a home, land or dock/slip. Docks may not be shifted along the shoreline or relocated to another area of the lake. Mowing permits will be reissued for the exact same area (or smaller if requested) and will not be shifted or expanded.

Q6: What happens if my permit expires during the temporary halt in new shoreline permits at Beaver Lake?

A6: Dock and mowing permits will continue to be reissued to the current owner. However, if a permit has expired and there is a lapse of more than 6 months without action by the permit holder, then it shall not be renewed and the dock must be removed from the lake and/or mowing shall cease.

Q7: What will happen to existing shoreline use permits?

A7: They will continue to be renewed and may be reissued to new owners as long as they are kept in good standing in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit, laws, regulations, and District policies.

Q8: Will I be allowed to modify or add to my dock or vegetation modification permit?

A8: No, permitted structures and areas will only be allowed to be maintained within the same location, per conditions of the existing and valid permit.

Q9: If I have a mowing permit will it be reissued to a new owner if I sell my house?

A9: In all lakes in Little Rock District, if the vegetation modification permit you now have is valid and maintained within the conditions of the permit, then it may be reissued to a new owner.

Q10: Can a specified act permit for removal of hazardous dead trees still be issued?

A10: Yes, the project may still issue this type of permit for hazard trees in special circumstances.

Q11: What happens if I mow or cut vegetation without a permit?

A11: Violations will be treated as a trespass and will be handled in accordance with Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Q12: What are the impacts during the temporary halt to new shoreline permits for existing outgrants?

A12: Outgrants for minor shoreline improvements that are authorized by an easement or license will continue to be renewed and may be reissued to owners as long as they are kept in good standing in accordance with the terms and conditions of the instrument, laws, regulations, and District policies. Requests for construction of new facilities that would require a new easement, license or lease will not be accepted during the temporary halt in new permit requests. Requests to accommodate a quasi-public need or resolve an existing encroachment may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Existing commercial marinas, resorts, and other leases are not impacted as long as activities are within the current lease areas. However, those lease areas may not be expanded or modified.

Q13: If I submitted my application and it was post-marked prior to the 31st of January 2015, but have not gotten approval by that day, will my request be processed?

A13: Yes, all applications will be processed in the order they were received, as manpower, time and funding allows.

Q14: How long will I have to build my dock if it is approved?

A14: After site approval, an applicant has 60 days to submit construction plans. If plans are not submitted within 60 days, the request is considered null and void. Dock construction must be completed within one year of construction plan approval. If it is not completed

in that amount of time, the permit will be revoked and a time extension will not be granted.

Q15. Will you process a permit to correct a safety violation or hazardous condition?

A15. Permits will be approved on a case by case basis if it is determined that the modification will correct a safety violation.

What is affected by temporary halt to new permits	What is not part of temporary halt to new permits
New permit requests	Previously approved activities within the permit footprint
Permit requests received after 31 January 2015	Transfer of valid permits to a new owner
Expired permits	Renewal of existing permits to same owner with no proposed changes
Requests for expansions and modifications on existing permits	Existing Electric Service or conversion to self-contained solar
New Electric Service	
No Personal Watercraft (PWC) lifts to the outside of a dock	
Changing the footprint of an existing dock	