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## **Commercial Watercraft Rental Policy**

### **Q: Are businesses allowed to rent watercrafts, including jet skis and boats on City Property?**

A: Yes, but are limited to the boat ramp only. Commercial watercrafts must be left on the trailer until the renter has shown at their appropriate time, and only at that time can the vessel be launched into the water. Watercrafts cannot be left for any length of time on the finger docks at the boat ramp, nor are they to be beached anywhere for any period while waiting for renters. Only check-in forms and safety checks are allowed to be completed onsite from the business. Collection of the watercrafts must be done at the boat ramp.

### **Q: Can I set up a check-in location somewhere such as a park bench, or put up a tent with my table and chairs?**

A: Businesses/Rental companies cannot use any City of Clermont tables, benches, open area, or beach area to conduct any kind of business. Erecting personal tents to conduct business is not allowed.

### **Q: Can businesses approach people or accept walk-up inquiries for those who may want to rent a watercraft and receive a payment onsite?**

A: No, all rentals must be conducted offsite and prior to the rental date with all money collected not on City property. Businesses are not permitted to promote and solicit sales on City property. Businesses are not permitted to put up any kind of signage, advertisement, or promotional items anywhere on City property. This is strictly prohibited.

### **Q: Daily parking fee**

A: All participants of the rental who are utilizing the boat ramp must pay the \$5 parking fee which is located at the boat launch areas unless they are utilizing the annual boat ramp pass. Failure to pay for parking may result in a parking ticket from Clermont Police Department.

### **Q: What happens if a business is violating the rules and is approached by City staff?**

A: If approached by a City of Clermont employee, the businesses must be able to provide the following information: business card/phone number, provide the company name and main contact person phone number and email address. If it's the businesses' first time violation, the City staff will provide a warning, explain the rules, and require the business to come into compliance. If a business fails to provide the required information, it will be required immediately to cease operations and vacate the property.

### **Q: What happens if a business is violating the rules multiple times and approached by City staff?**

A: If a business is found in violation of any part of this document, and its policies contained therein, the staff of the business will be trespassed from the City's facilities by the Clermont Police Department, and the business will no longer be permitted to operate at the boat ramp.

**Please be advised of the following policy regarding the procedures on rentals of commercial watercrafts on City property. This policy is in effect as of 3/22/2021.**

### **Rental Permitted Procedures**

The following procedures are for the commercial watercraft rental businesses and organizations on City property.

- A business may rent commercial watercrafts however, the only location this is permitted is at the boat ramp. No launching is permitting at any other City of Clermont location.
- Businesses should not beach any watercrafts, or solicit walk up appointments. All transactions should happen offsite. Watercrafts must be left on the trailer until the renter has shown at their appropriate time and only then should the watercraft be launched at the boat ramp.
- Businesses may only do safety checks and launch the watercraft for the renter onsite. All waivers, money, and any other signed forms need to happen prior, and offsite of City property. No monetary transactions are permitted, including but not limited to cash, check, card and online payments.
- Businesses are not permitted to advertise or solicit sales onsite. Signs, tables, tents, or promotional items are strictly prohibited on City property. This also includes using a City table, pavilion, or park bench.
- Businesses and renters are still subject to the parking fee. All vehicles with or without trailers must adhere to the parking fees in the boat ramp parking lot or use the City annual parking pass. Failure to pay for parking may result in a parking ticket from Clermont PD.
- Businesses will remind, and encourage renters to follow the signs and marked areas for beaching, and no wake zones.
- If approached by City of Clermont staff, the business must be able to provide business card, phone number, name, email and main contact person for the business.

**Failure to follow the above procedures will result in a verbal warning from a City staff member. If violations continue after a warning has been issued the commercial watercraft business may be subject to a trespassing from the Clermont Police Department.**