Rules Relating to Boat Use with a Short-Term Rental

Excerpts from Long Lake Township's Ordinance 178 Short-Term Rental Ordinance, as amended through September 2021

Section 2 – DEFINITIONS - As used in this Ordinance,

Boat means every description of watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water. For purposes of this ordinance, two (2) personal watercrafts shall be equal to one (1) boat. Boat shall not include nonmotorized boats such as canoes, rowboats, and rafts. Boat also does not include an air mattress, paddleboard, boogie board, or similar device used by one (1) or two (2) persons for floating or paddling.

Section 4 – Short Term Rental Standards

12. Boats. Renters of a short-term rental may be permitted use of boats, as this term is defined herein, during the term of the rental subject to the following:

a. If the owner of the rental has granted permission in writing, registered renters may use boats belonging to the owner of the short-term rental or use other boats brought to the property, provided all other restrictions of this Section are met

b. Up to 2 boats per short term rental OR 1 boat per each full 50' of shoreline, whichever is less, may be used, parked on site, tied up, moored or anchored on the short-term rental property during the rental period

c. Guests of short-term renters may not operate, park, tie-up on site, moor or anchor any boats on the rental property but may accompany the registered renter on boats provided that all other restrictions of this Section are met.

d. Any boat associated with a short-term rental shall not be tied-up, moored, anchored, or placed on land, beach, or bottomland which is not part of the subject parcel of land or to which riparian rights are not associated.

e. For short-term rental contracts where boats will be in use, the renter shall acknowledge in writing receipt of The Handbook of Michigan Boating Laws and Responsibilities 2021 Edition produced by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, or successor document. link to the Handbook

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1. Parking.
   a. No on-street parking of any motor vehicles, trailers, or any trailered vehicles (including by way of example but not limited to boats, jetskis, and snowmobiles) on any public or private roadways shall be permitted in association with a short-term rental. For purposes of this Ordinance, "roadway" includes the pavement, shoulder, and full road easement or right-of-way.

   b. An occupant of a short-term rental and a guest of an occupant shall not park a motor vehicle or trailer overnight at any Township-owned park or natural area

   c. An occupant of a short-term rental and a guest of an occupant shall not moor or anchor on any bottomlands, or place on any shore or beach any boat or other watercraft overnight where the bottomlands or upland shore or beach is part of a park or natural area owned by Long Lake Township.