

BOAT DOCK REGISTRATION

The purpose of the Lake Austin Boat Dock Registration Program is to improve boat dock visibility for public safety personnel on the lake when responding to emergency calls for service. This program was established in response to Austin City Council Resolution No. 20130829-078, adopted August 29, 2013.

How to Register Your Boat Dock:

- 1** Complete the registration form at www.austintexas.gov/boatdocks
- 2** Attach **current** photos of proof of addressing.
- 3** Submit the registration form and photos online or via mail.
* Send mail via USPS to:
City of Austin-Austin Code Department
Attn: Licensing and Registration
P.O. Box 1088,
Austin, TX 78767



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FAQs

What is a boat dock?

As per the ordinance definition, a boat dock “includes a wharf, pier, float, floating dock, island, boat dock, boat slip, boat lift, stationary platform, or other similar structure”.

Why do I have to register my boat dock?

City Ordinance 20140626-113 requires you to provide proper addressing of your boat dock. This is a mandatory measure put forth by the City of Austin.

How do I properly address my boat dock?

To properly address your boat dock, your address should be located on the front of your boat dock. The signage must include the street address of the primary property associated with the dock and shall be displayed above normal pool elevation on the lakeward side of the dock facing centerline of the lake or slough on which it is located. The letters and numbers must be at a minimum of two inches in height and must contrast with the background they are placed on (the preferred lettering is reflective but this is left at the owner’s discretion). The tag must be constructed with materials that resist water damage and deterioration by ultraviolet light.

How much does it cost to register?

A Cost Analysis Report is currently being conducted. Once this report is completed, a boat dock registration fee could be implemented beginning October 1, 2019.

Do I need to renew my registration and if so, when?

Yes, you will need to renew your boat dock registration. Residential properties need to renew every 5 years (fee required). Commercial properties are required to renew every 2 years (fee required).

How do I register?

There are three options to register your boat dock: by mail, in person, and online. The steps are as follows:

- a. Complete the registration form found on www.austintexas.gov/boatdocks.
 - b. Attach current photos for proof of addressing.
 - c. Submit the registration form and photos:
 - * Mail: Via USPS Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested to City of Austin-Austin Code Department, Attn: Licensing and Registration, P.O. Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767.
 - * Walk-in: The registration form may be submitted in person at Austin Code Department, 1520 Rutherford Lane, Bldg. 1, Austin, TX 78754. This is not a mailing address. Registrations mailed to this address will be returned.
 - * Online: The form and photos may be emailed to ACDLicensing@austintexas.gov.
- All applications are due by September 30, 2018.

What happens after I register my boat dock?

After the Austin Code Department has received your registration form with current photos, the Austin Code Department Intake Office will process your application. Once received, you will be sent a confirmation notice. To get in touch with the Intake Office, please call 512-974- 9144. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00am-3:00pm. If you do not receive anything from the Austin Code Department regarding your boat dock registration after one week, please reach out through email at ACDLicensing@austintexas.gov. If your submitted registration form is somehow incomplete or invalid, the Austin Code Department will reach out to you.

What if I have more than one boat dock at the same address?

For those who may have more than one boat dock structure (for definitions of boat docks see question #1), you will only need to address one of the structures. At your discretion, address your most prominent boat dock. For all other questions, please email ACDLicensing@austintexas.gov.

Questions?

Please call 3-1-1 or email ACDLicensing@austintexas.gov