

Recreational Dock Owner Society

NOTICE 8 – WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

OUR REQUEST

1. The Recreational Dock Owner Society Committee is a group of volunteers working tirelessly on everyone's behalf to ensure we have an equitable license agreement for our encroachments in the VFPA jurisdiction. You can do your part in supporting our efforts by joining the RDOS. We need a collective voice in dealing with the VFPA. To achieve this, we need your membership. Visit our website – www.recreationaldockownersociety.com – simply select “Join Us” and commit to \$20 membership fee by eTransfer. This is extremely important.
2. **We also ask that you consider contributing to our GoFundMe fundraiser to build a fund to cover legal costs in negotiating a favorable new license agreement.** This is completely voluntary and we ask that \$500 be considered. However, any amount above or below this request would be much appreciated. Our target is \$100,000. When you consider the impact to your properties, this is a small ask even though we recognize it is a hardship for some. Here is the link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-recreational-dock-owners-society?qid=a2172e7006e4501207476a631e5b5faa>

What are some of the issues

1. Termination of licenses or Non renewal after 2040, constructively expropriating your waterfront property rights impacting your property's value and ability to resell. **(Millions of dollars impact to your homes value)**
2. The new license requires you “to remove all structures, and all other improvements on the License area” at your expense **(Hundreds of thousands of dollars expense to you to restore the property).**
3. Not all properties are equal yet VFPA license agreement is trying to enforce an all-encompassing agreement for ALL affected stakeholders. They will not address individual property encroachments / improvements
4. Boat access properties only with no amenities to dock a boat severely impacting access and property value.
5. VFPA representatives have been verbally threatening individuals in recent correspondence and defaming RDOS - all in an effort to bully people into signing agreements.
6. Unlicensed properties are at higher risk due to no agreement in place.
7. Increase of license fees from \$140 per year to \$2,000 without justification
8. A number of properties do not have docks but have reclaimed land which the VFPA identifies as Parcel “A”. These properties are also impacted and if you do not already have a license you will be receiving one eventually.

9. The VFPA has advised property owners who have signed the new license agreements that they will be responsible for further costs of registering the new agreement that we are negotiating. Another reason to wait until we are able to finalize a new and fair License.

What RDOS is doing for you

1. We had no choice but to retain a lawyer to represent us and coordinate this work with VFPA to resolve an equitable agreement. As previously stated, we need your support on our GoFundMe initiative to cover these costs.
2. We have gained the attention of the leadership at the VFPA through our diligence and connections
3. We are working to table an equitable agreement with legal help - this is what the VFPA wants to see from us

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