

# CHIPPEWA LAKE DOCKING RULES

Subject to local ordinances and/or HOA constitutions and bylaws, overnight docking shall be limited to individuals who own or rent an occupied dwelling within the three lakefront communities where 'lake rights' were historically deeded to residents. These include the villages of Chippewa Lake, Gloria Glens, and the Euclid Avenue area. Eligibility to dock does not guarantee dock space. It is incumbent upon eligible residents to secure available dock space with a dock owner. Starting in 2025, it is no longer necessary for eligible individuals to reinstate 'lake rights' that may have been inactive in the past. If a property owner produces a recorded deed that includes docking or other rights, those rights shall be recognized by the park district.

There is an annual maximum of two docked watercraft per property. Only an owner or a tenant may utilize a property's ability to dock. This privilege may not be shared or split among more than one party. A renter must present a copy of a current, executed lease or other notarized document stating permission of the renter to use the property's docking eligibility.

## DOCKS

All docks are privately owned. Dock ownership shall be tied to proof of insurance (required for every dock with two or more watercraft), with a minimum \$1 million in liability coverage. Dock owners must also purchase or renew an annual dock license, which shall be demonstrated by the presence of a dock tag. A dock tag must be renewed annually by June 1 via permit and proof of insurance (if applicable). If a dock is owned by more than one person, each owner must provide proof of liability insurance. It is *recommended* that dock owners require insurance from those utilizing their docks.

Before June 15, 2025, the park district will provide GPS coordinates and maps of all existing docks to the administrating communities to assist with establishing first-year licenses. Post-2025, failure to place a dock in the same location and/or renew a license for more than two consecutive years will result in the loss of a docking license and loss of the preferred, or historic, dock location.

Docks may be floating or stationary, and no dock may exceed 200 feet in length. It is *recommended* that docks be at least 3 feet wide. Docks must be secured to poles or stanchions so they cannot float away during floods.

The director of Medina County Park District may, at the director's discretion, permit partner organizations, businesses with waterfront property, and/or the park district itself to place one or more docks that shall not be restricted by the parameters herein *except for* maximum length.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Starting in 2025, the administration of annual **dock tags/licenses** and watercraft stickers shall be managed by each of the lakefront communities operating under 20-year, renewable agreements (i.e., through 2044) with the park district. Chippewa Lake will manage docking on behalf of its residents and also individuals in the Euclid Avenue area. Gloria Glens, or its homeowners' association, shall manage docking for its residents

The park district will supply the communities with necessary forms, dock tags, and watercraft stickers. By June 15 of each year, the communities must provide the park district with a spreadsheet of permitted docks, owner information, and proof of insurance, plus ownership information for all docked watercraft for the current boating season. Park police shall inspect dock tags and watercraft stickers at their discretion to ensure compliance.

## **ANNUAL FEES**

Starting in 2025, the cost for a dock tag/license shall be **###** per year. Watercraft stickers shall be **###** annually per docked boat, max two boats per property. This cost will remain unchanged through 2030. The per-boat cost for watercraft stickers will increase to **###** in 2034. All fees must be paid by June 1.

Per the administration agreements with the waterfront communities, each community shall keep all fees associated with dock tags and watercraft stickers. The park district *recommends* each community place collected fees in restricted funds for shoreline-area and park improvements.

## **COMPLIANCE**

Overnight docking is a privilege for residents of the defined communities. Each watercraft must have a current ODNR registration and annual watercraft sticker indicating docking eligibility. All docks must contain a valid dock tag.

Law enforcement may give written warnings or citations to owners of non-compliant docks and watercraft. Failure to update watercraft registration or stickers after five days' notice may result in removal of watercraft at the owner's expense. Non-compliant docks may be removed after 10 days' notice at the expense of the owner(s).

## **GOVERNANCE**

Docking rules are governed by Medina County Park District. Violations of these and other park rules and regulations shall be subject to verbal or written warnings or citations by park police.

The park district will not intervene in civil matters between owners of docks and/or watercraft. However, by March 1 of each year, an advisory committee shall be formed with two docking-eligible individuals representing Chippewa Lake, **selected by village council**; one from the Euclid Avenue area, **selected by Lafayette Township trustees**; two from Gloria Glens, **selected by village council**; and two representatives of the park district, selected by the director, for the purpose of discussing docking disputes, requests for licenses, deeded rights, and for making recommendations, if necessary, to the park director and/or the park district's board. At least two of the advisory committee members should own docks. Issues may be brought to the advisory committee by contacting the park director in writing via [parks@medinacountyparks.com](mailto:parks@medinacountyparks.com) or to Medina County Park District, 6364 Deerview Lane, Medina, OH 44256.

On parcels that are strictly privately owned, only the parcel owner may choose who can place a dock on the property and/or dock a boat on the parcel owner's dock or other permitted dock. No party shall require the owner of such a parcel to place or accommodate a dock, or additional watercraft, due to perceived community interest or need.

On parcels that are privately owned but considered *public access*, by zoning or deed, the parcel owner shall have the right of first refusal to place a dock if the shoreline becomes available.

On publicly owned shoreline, as is the case in Gloria Glens, the association shall decide who may place docks if, or when, shoreline becomes available.

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*December 20, 2024*

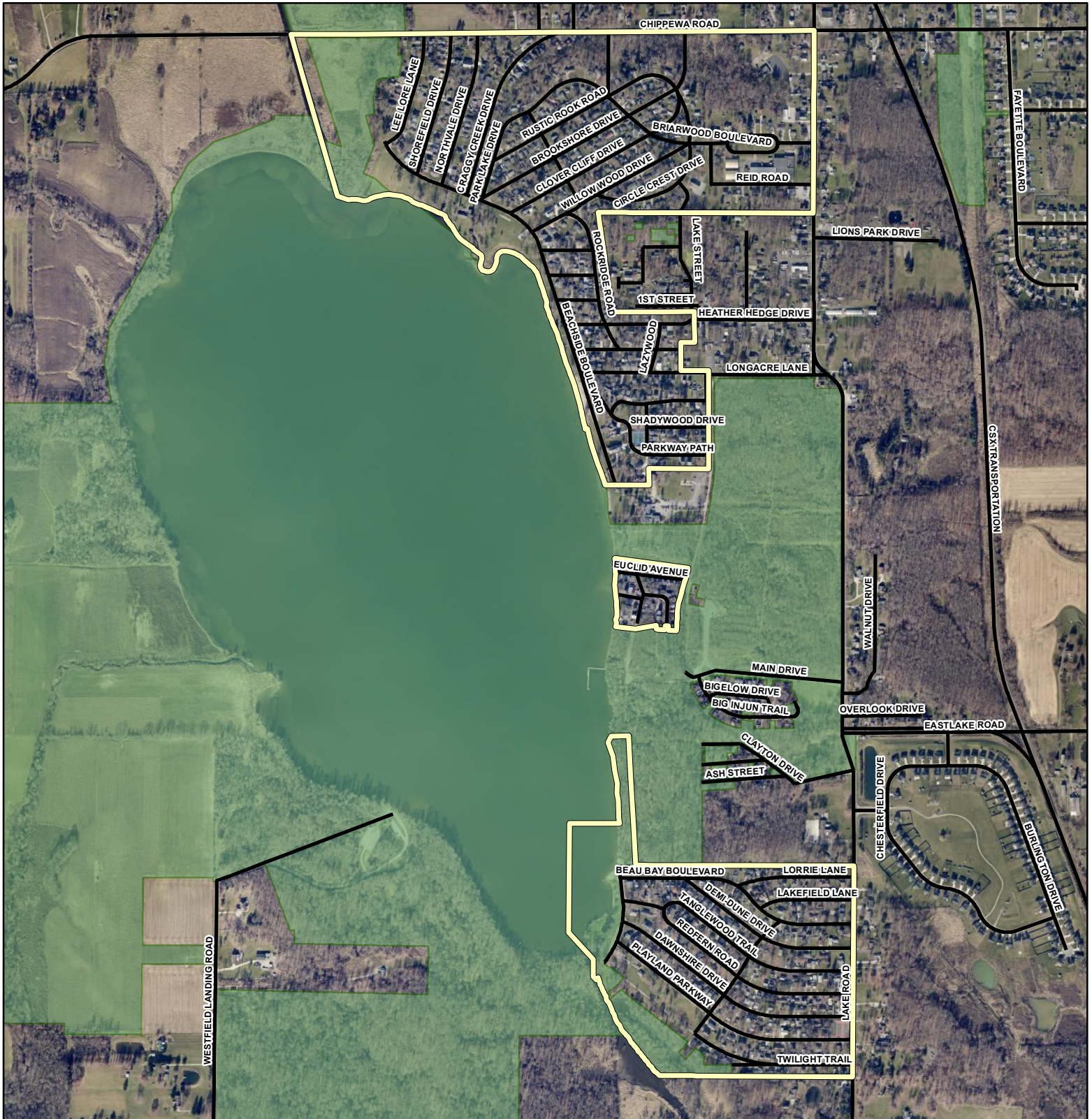
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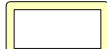



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## Chippewa Lake Communities



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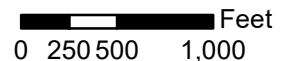
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 Medina County parcel records, Medina County Park District records,  
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