



Background

- **August 29, 2017 BCC Meeting**
 - Board Comments**
 - Ordinance provides clear regulation and enforcement
 - Each boat ramp has its own nuances
 - Allow guides and fishing tournaments
 - Priority given to Orange County residents
 - Ensure citizen access
 - Priority for public use not private
 - Directed staff to create a County-wide boat ramp ordinance

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ORANGE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
Division Operational Guidelines

NUMBER: 1.6.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE: TBD**
UPDATED: N/A

SUBJECT: BOAT RAMP OPERATIONS GUIDELINE

PURPOSE: This guideline outlines protocol for the operation of private businesses out of boat ramps managed by the Orange County Parks and Recreation Division.

BACKGROUND: The Orange County Board of County Commissioners adopted an ordinance and accompanying procedure regulating operations at public boat ramps.

PROCEDURES:

Procedures outlining specifics of each type of operation can be found below:

o **Boat Tours**

The number of boat tour operators allowed at each site is determined by the size of each park, to include the total number of boat/trailer and personal vehicle parking spaces, and annual patronage. Parks with a demonstrated lack of spaces in comparison to demand or those sites with frequent crowding will have a restricted number of businesses permitted to operate:

o R.D. Keene Park: Only one proposal will be accepted for this park. In the event more than one business shows interest, Orange County Parks and Recreation will initiate the Term Contract process.

▪ The Term Contract process will be initiated and managed by Orange County's Procurement Division. For information on how to do business with Orange County, visit: <http://www.ocfl.net/VendorServices.aspx>

o State Road 50 Boat Ramp: All interested and eligible (see eligibility requirements below) businesses are welcome to participate in a lottery. Three proposals will be accepted for this site for a three-year agreement, each.

Eligibility Requirements:

At sites where boat tours are permitted, businesses must meet all of the following to confirm eligibility:

o Must be an established Orange County business; registered in Orange County for a minimum of three years.

o Florida State Sales Tax must have been remitted for the last three years.

o The business must be registered as a State Corporation.

o The business address must be a brick and mortar site within Orange County and cannot be the address of any Orange County Park.

o The business cannot utilize subcontractors for tours at Orange County Parks.

o Business must meet and/or exceed all liability and insurance requirements set forth by Orange County Risk Management Division.

o Park-specific limits may be set on the number of tour boats allowed or the number of private vehicles permitted at sites with reduced public parking availability.