



## LAKESHORE FOREST WATER SYSTEM, INC.

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*In January we sent this letter directly to all the LFWS owners who operate short term rentals in our neighborhood. A copy is included with this year's annual invoice for everyone's benefit.*

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### Clarification of Short Term Renter Use of the LFWS Boat Ramp

In 2019 Hall County authorized homeowners in virtually all zoning classifications to be able to rent out their homes on a short term basis, known as Short Term Rentals (STR). Several homeowners in our community, on our water system, have taken advantage of this and currently hold a business license to do exactly that. As you know, our community has a private boat ramp, specifically to be used by the members of our water system, in accordance with the ramp use rules that the U. S Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) imposed on us, along with the Facility Use Conditions contained in our Dock Permit. These conditions regulate how we use the dock and ramp situated on US Government Property (Lake Lanier). Violation of the Conditions and Ramp Use Rules could jeopardize our future use of the facilities and potentially lead to revocation of our permit.

Recently it came to our attention that owners who exercise their option to operate a Short Term Rental, would be in violation of the USACE regulations governing use of our private community boat ramp if they allow their renters to use our ramp for launching or recovering their watercraft.

We already have a policy in place stating that the key may not be loaned to non-members. It is spelled out on the LFWS Ramp Key Application, and in the LFWS Boat Ramp Use Rules we send everyone annually. The community ramp is for community residents.

Therefore, in order to remain in compliance with USACE regulations, owners of properties who rent out their homes on a short term basis (STR) **may not provide** their LFWS Boat Ramp Key to their renters at any time. There are two public boat ramps in very close proximity to our community for this purpose: Lumpkin County Boat Ramp; and Toto Creek Boat Ramp.

Owners of Short Term Rentals must modify their advertisements to notify renters, who wish to bring their personal watercraft, to use one of the public boat ramps for launch and recovery of their watercraft.

Owners are responsible for the actions of their renters. Violators will be subject to loss of privileges.

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