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**NOTICE OF 28-DAY COMMENT PERIOD  
FOR  
DISCONTINUATION OF WATER RIGHTS TRANSFER PROGRAM  
AND REMOVAL FROM THE RULES AND REGULATIONS (MEMBER HANDBOOK)**

The Board of Directors is considering the discontinuation of the Water Rights Transfer Program and removing it from the Rules and Regulations (Member Handbook).

The Water Rights Transfer Program currently reads, and is under consideration to be removed:

**3.02.05 Water Rights Transfer for Guest Vessel**

A PRIMARY MEMBER (without TENANTS), CO-MEMBER or TENANT in good standing with no vessels registered in their name with the ASSOCIATION may transfer his or her ASSOCIATION water rights to use the launch, courtesy dock, marina and parking facilities without usage fees. This transfer may be done one (1) time each calendar year, for one (1) GUEST who is on that MEMBER'S PERMANENT GUEST LIST or to one (1) RESIDENT who has a permanent RESIDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD and for one (1) GUEST vessel. The GUEST vessel must be registered to the person receiving the water rights. The MEMBER/TENANT may not register a vessel with the ASSOCIATION when a Water Rights Transfer for Guest Vessel is in effect.

Only PRIMARY MEMBERS (without TENANTS), CO-MEMBERS and TENANTS have the authority to transfer water rights. RESIDENTS may not register vessels and therefore have no water rights to transfer. If a RESIDENT receives water rights from a MEMBER/TENANT other than the person they live with, the RESIDENT will be listed on the PERMANENT GUEST LIST for the party who has given them the water rights and that MEMBER/TENANT will be responsible for noncompliance with any water or vessel-related rules.

A completed *Water Rights Transfer for Guest Vessel Form* must be submitted and validated prior to a Water Rights Guest Pass being issued.

This program currently allows vessels to utilize the association's launch ramp that would normally be required to register through our Guest Vessel program. Vessels on this program are owned by members currently renting out their property to tenants, non-members residing within Heritage Ranch, and non-members that do not reside within Heritage Ranch.

Eliminating this program would reduce administrative time to manage the program, eliminate the use of HROA launch ramp by individuals who have no vested interest in the community, and potentially add additional revenue to help maintain HROA amenities. These vessels can still utilize the launch ramp as a guest vessel registered through HROA and pay the guest vessel fee.

The feedback of our membership is vital to ensure the Board makes decisions in the best interest of the association. Members are invited to submit their comments on this matter. Please send your comments to [directors@hroa.us](mailto:directors@hroa.us) by noon on February 21, 2025.

Thank you for your attention and contribution to this important matter.