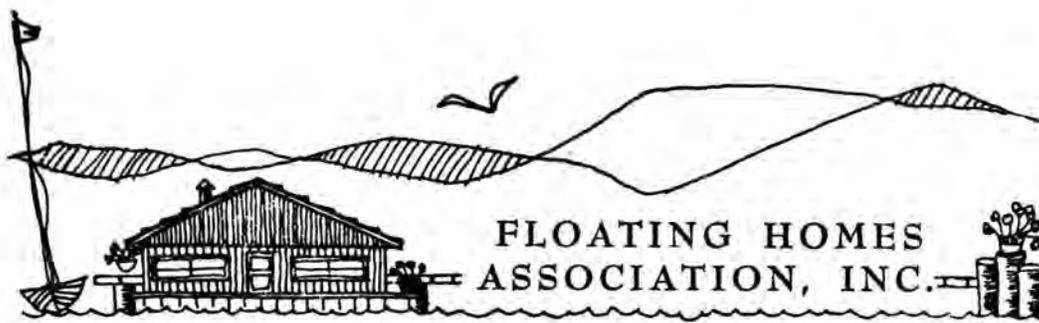


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NEW COMPREHENSIVE ORDINANCE BECOMES EFFECTIVE JULY 26TH: What is believed to be the first comprehensive floating home ordinance enacted by any U.S. city has been unanimously adopted by the Seattle City Council, signed by Mayor J.D. Braman and will be effective on July 26th. The Ordinance is the joint effort of the various city departments and the Floating Homes Association.

The Ordinance was published in the Daily Journal of Commerce—(official City newspaper) on June 29th. The Floating Homes Assn. has purchased 1,000 reprints for general use. Copies are being furnished to members, to the various city departments and to other governmental agencies including the State Pollution Control Administration and the regional office of the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration.

Prior to enactment of the Ordinance technical problems relating to houseboat plumbing and moorage sewerage collection systems were worked out with the City Engineering Dept. and the Seattle-King Co. Health Dept. and installations are underway. Besides the sanitary requirements another important new provision in the new Ordinance is placing of floating homes under the Building Code. This means that a building permit will be required for all new construction and for "major alterations." Those with questions as to the application of this or other Ordinance provisions should contact the Association.

The Association mimeographed copies of a preliminary draft (prior to legal editing) and mailed it to 97 moorage owners and Moorage Representatives. It was discussed and approved at an enlarged Moorage Council meeting at the Montlake Recreational Center on May 28th. At the meeting Robert Brown, Association president, said the Ordinance removes floating homes from the "gray zone" and is legal recognition as a particular kind of dwelling. He urged speedy compliance.

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ASSOCIATION ADOPTS POLICY STATEMENT ON LAKE UNION RE-ZONING: A policy statement outlining the Floating Homes Association's position on Lake Union zoning was unanimously adopted at the enlarged Moorage Council meeting May 28th. The statement was drafted by the Executive Committee with the assistance of the Planning & Development Committee. It is being sent to the Lake Union Association and to other interested groups and individuals as the basis for discussion. The question of the re-zoning of Lake Union Shorelands (with the exception of the Residence Waterfront (RW) zone on Portage Bay) has been simmering on the municipal back-burner since publication of the Planning Department's "Lake Union Study" in 1964. The Association's statement follows:

1. The Floating Homes Assn. has a vested interest in the future of Lake Union Shorelands.
2. The Floating Homes Assn's interests are irrevocably linked to the future of the boating industry and to the community need for an inland boating center.
3. Floating homes and boating needs compliment each other.
4. Zoning should strike a balance between the public interest and the interests of a majority of the property owners in a given area.
5. Zoning should encompass existing water-oriented usages.
6. Diversification of water-needing usages is an economic necessity.
7. Two specific classifications "Waterfront Manufacturing" and "Waterfront Commercial" should be established for those areas not covered by "Residence Waterfront" to embrace the present shoreland usages and to encourage future development of activities which require shoreland.
8. The "Waterfront Manufacturing" zone should apply to present and future specifically water oriented manufacturing now covered under the "M" zone.
9. The "Waterfront Commercial" zone should apply to other water-oriented usages not covered under the "Waterfront Manufacturing" zone with the proviso that residential use be restricted to low density.
10. Street ends and State Waterways should be forever dedicated to public use.
11. All future zoning decisions for Lake Union Shorelands should be preceded by open discussions among representatives of the City Council Zoning Committee, City Planning Dept., the Lake Union Assn., Northwest Marine Industries, Floating Homes Assn. and individual property owners.

LAKE UNION ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTS OFFICERS: Mark Freeman, owner of the Fremont Boat Co. was elected president of the Lake Union Assn. at its annual business meeting June 18th at the Elks Club. He succeeds Alex Brindle of the Wards Cove Packing Co. who did not seek re-election. Other officers are: Joseph M. Burke, Burke Industrial Center, and George Gunn, Gunn Investment Co., vice-presidents and John Franco, Franco's Hidden Harbor restaurant. A twenty-five member Board of Trustees was also elected. Mr. Freeman is also vice-president of the Floating Homes Assn. The Lake Union Association was organized in 1964 with its membership embracing property owners.

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HISTORIC GAVEL PRESENTED TO ASSOCIATION BY MRS. CARRIE STAFFORD: A gavel used by her husband, the late Abbott Srafford, while serving as president of the Waterfront Improvement Club, was presented to the Floating Homes Assn. at the May 28th Moorage Council meeting by Mrs. Carrie Stafford, longtime Portage Bay resident. Organized in 1939 the Waterfront Improvement Club is believed to have been the first houseboat organization in Seattle. The Floating Homes Assn. is the third such organization. It succeeded the Houseboat Owners Assn. formed in 1952. Mrs. Stafford has recently sold her moorage property at 3128 Portage Bay Place E. to Houseboat Harbor Inc. a corporation organized by a group of floating home owners. It is the second of the "joint ownership" moorages which have been organized during the past year. The first is Flo-Villa at 2207 Fairview Ave. E. The gavel was accepted with thanks by President Robert Brown.

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ORDINANCE RESTRICTS LAKE UNION SPEED TO 7 KNOTS OUTSIDE TEST LANE: In an effort to cope with excessive speeds and unsafe boat handling on inland waters, the City Council Public Safety Committee has approved a proposed Ordinance setting a 7-knot limit on all of Lake Union except for a buoyed test lane. The Ordinance was proposed by Chief of Police Frank Ramon as the result of complaints from shoreland property owners. Critical approval of the proposed regulation was expressed by Mark Freeman, Lake Union Assn. president and Tom Wheeler of the Wheeler Yacht Sales, who headed a special committee on the problem. Both Freeman and Wheeler asked a reduction in the 7-knot limit and in the size of the test lane. It was finally agreed to try the new proposal a year and then take another look. Main points are:

1. A top speed of 7 knots on all of Lake Union except for the test lane which is to be plainly marked by buoys. The lane will be 300 yards wide and 1200 yards long.
2. A 7-knot limit between the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks and the Webster Point Light on Lake Washington. This area includes the Lake Washington Ship Canal, the north end of Lake Union, Portage Bay and the Montlake Cut. This area has already been posted with explanatory signs.
3. Elsewhere on Lake Washington and other city waters it will be unlawful to operate a water craft in excess of 7-knots within 100 yards of any shoreline, pier, restricted area or shore installation.

Chief Ramon said the additional manpower has been assigned to the Harbor Patrol and that it has stepped up enforcement both with warnings and court citations.

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ASSOCIATION SETS UP "EMERGENCY FUND" WITH VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS: In order to meet any future development without tampering with the dues structure or levying an assessment, the Executive Committee has voted to set up a special "Emergency Fund", to be made up by voluntary contributions. The proposal was unanimously approved at the enlarged Moorage Council meeting where the hat was passed. The collection netted \$126.00 in "seed money". Treasurer Verna Cameron reported July 6th that the fund now amounts to \$206.50. In reviewing the budget the Executive Committee sees a need for additional expenditures in only one field--an increase in the number of NEWS LETTERS. This can be accomplished from regular revenues if more attention is paid to organization--particularly in contacting newcomers not acquainted with the Association. The "Emergency Fund" will not be used for operational expenses. Contributions to it are welcomed from those who would like to show appreciation for benefits received.

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