

ORDER

WATERWAY BAN

BE IT KNOWN:

Due to heavy rains in the surrounding Austin area that began on May 3, 2019 and floodgate operations on the Highland Lakes, additional waters continue to enter City of Austin waterways. It has been determined water conditions remain unsafe in certain areas of the lakes due to excess water flow.

These conditions continue to create high and swift waters, which will make recreational, commercial, and navigational use of Lady Bird Lake, portions of Lake Austin, and the portion of the Colorado River below Longhorn Dam unsafe.

Under the Authority of Section 8-5-21 of the Austin City Code, I hereby determine that flood conditions exist in the following described lake areas:

Closed Areas:

- Lady Bird Lake
- Mansfield Dam downstream to Commons Ford Park
- Walsh Boat Landing to Tom Miller Dam
- Said waterways are collectively the "Water Ban Area."

I hereby ORDER a ban on all commercial or navigational boating in and all recreational use of the Water Ban Area.

I hereby ORDER a ban on all commercial boating, with the exception of motorized commercial watercraft with a length of forty (40) feet or greater, on Lake Austin between Walsh Boat Landing and the Loop 360 Bridge

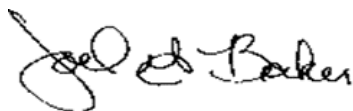
Persons are advised that it is an offense to violate this ORDER or to attempt a low water crossing or any road that has been barricaded.

Watercraft illegally being operated on waters in the Water Ban Area may be impounded.

Persons should contact the City of Austin Police Headquarters at 715 E. 8th St., Austin, during business hours, to request written authorization to secure property in the Flood Ban Area. Proof of ownership or occupancy is required.

Posted at City Hall on this 15th day of May 2019.

This Order is effective at 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 15, 2019 and expires at 12:00 p.m., Friday, May 17, 2019.



BY:

Fire Chief
City of Austin