

December 04, 2024

Update Notice

Re: Licence charge increase reminder and program name change

Dear dock owner:

This Update Notice is a reminder of your licence charge increase and to inform you of the program's name change.

Licence charge increase reminder:

Beginning on July 1, 2025, licence charges for private docks will increase. The port authority informed all dock owners of this change in summer 2020, following lifting of the moratorium on private docks and the release of new recreational dock guidelines for Burrard Inlet.

Dock owners who had a licensed dock before June 2020 were given a five-year grace period before the new charge structure would apply to them. Dock owners who installed a dock after June 2020, or who had an unregistered dock that is now licensed, have been paying the new licence charge since their license was issued.

Program Name change:

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has changed the name of the Recreational Dock Program to the **Private Residential Dock Program** (or Private Dock Program in short).

The program name has been updated to provide improved clarity and has no impact on any other aspect of the program.

Licence agreement:

If your new licence agreement with the port authority was finalized prior to November 6, 2024, your licence agreement remains valid, and no further action is required by you other than paying your licence charges when they become due.

If you have not yet received your new licence agreement a new one will be mailed or emailed to you when your licence needs to be renewed.

As a reminder, the licence charge is based on location. Three distinct zones are established based primarily on water and land access points.



Zone 1 - Burrard Inlet with road access (District of North Vancouver, Belcarra, Port Moody)

Charge: \$2,000 plus GST per year

Zone 2 - District of North Vancouver - rural lots (Woodlands, Sunshine Falls, Cascade)

Charge: \$1,200 plus GST per year

Zone 3 - Indian Arm and water-access-only lots (South end Woodlands, Brighton Beach north to Camp Howdy, Cosy Cove, Carraholly Point, Grey Rock Island, Boulder Island in Electoral Area A)

Charge: \$600 plus GST per year

For shared docks, the annual charge will be split between the number of users. For example, if your dock is in zone 1 and there are four users, the individual cost per user will be \$500 per year plus GST.

For some licence holders, the licence charge for 2025 will be pro-rated and the rate will depend on your licence commencement date. You may also receive two invoices in 2025 depending on your commencement date. For more information, please refer to Section 4 of your licence agreement.

Should you have any questions regarding the Private Dock Program, please reach out to Katarina Stoyko, real estate assistant (katarina.stoyko@portvancouver.com | 604-665-9215).

Kind regards,

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Private residential dock program Private residential dock guidelines for Burrard Inlet

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