



City of Seattle

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Department of Construction and Inspections

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Dear House Barge owner:

On June 15, 2015, the City of Seattle updated the Shoreline Master Program. This new code (SMC 23.60A.204.B.3) requires that **house barges**:

1. Be officially verified with the City of Seattle.
2. Display a City-issued, unique three-digit verification number.

If you do not own a house barge that was temporarily permitted in the 1990's, please apply for verification for a "floating on-water residence" or a "vessel with a dwelling unit" instead.

If you own an earlier permitted City of Seattle House Barge, please fill out the enclosed House Barge Verification form. Send the form along with copies of the required photos, verification documents, and a check for \$69.30 made payable to City of Seattle.

Mail documents to:

City of Seattle DCI
Attn. Cashiers
P.O. Box 34234
Seattle, WA 98124

You can also submit this application in person at the Public Resource Center counter on the 20th floor of the Seattle Municipal Tower at 700 5th Avenue and pay with check, cash, or credit card at that time.

FUTURE STEPS

1. Once the City approves your form, you will receive a unique, three-digit verification number.
2. Display the verification number in numbers at least 3 inches high on the house barge. The number must be visible at all times. If public access to the pier is not available, the number must be displayed on a side visible from the water. If public access to the pier is available, the number must be displayed on the pier and landward side of the barge, in a location legible from the pier, or on the side most commonly used for access from the pier.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact the City of Seattle shoreline compliance analyst:

Megan Mueller
Shoreline Compliance Analyst
(206) 684-5040
Megan.Mueller@seattle.gov

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700 5th Avenue, Suite 2000
PO Box 34019
Seattle WA 98124-4019
206-615-0808 / 206-233-7156 (TTY)
www.seattle.gov/sdci



HOUSE BARGE VERIFICATION FORM

CITY OF SEATTLE
 Department of Construction and Inspections
 700 Fifth Ave., Suite 2000 P.O. Box 34019
 Seattle, WA 98124-4019
 Phone: (206) 684-8850
www.seattle.gov/sdci

Application Received in SDCI
 (SDCI Date Stamp)

For SDCI Use Only

House Barges are allowed only under the following conditions (SMC23.60A.204):

1. The house barge was moored at a recreational marina in the City of Seattle before July 1, 1990; and
2. A permit for the house barge was secured from the SDCI verifying that the house barge existed and was used for residential purposes within the City of Seattle before July 1, 1990 and has been continuously used since that time.

The intake fee for a House Barge Verification form is \$69.30. This amount must be included when submitting this application.

OWNER #1 INFORMATION

Last Name:	First:	Middle:	Email Address:
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Mailing Address:	Home Phone No. (REQUIRED): ()	Alternate Phone No.: ()
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City:	State:	ZIP Code:
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OWNER #2 INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

NOT THE OWNER? RELATIONSHIP TO PROPERTY: _____

Last Name:	First:	Middle:	Email Address:
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Mailing Address:	Home Phone No. (REQUIRED): ()	Alternate Phone No.: ()
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City:	State:	ZIP Code:
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RELOCATION: House barges may be moved between recreational marinas or to a new slip within the same marina. Please notify SDCI within 60 days of relocating (SMC 23.60A.204.C), so we can update your verification records. Failure to update relocation is a violation of Chapter 23.60A.

HOUSE BARGE LOCATION INFORMATION

Name of marina where moored:

Address of marina where moored:	Slip Number If Applicable:
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ADDITIONAL REQUIRED INFORMATION

- 1. Attach at least three photographs showing the front (bow), rear (stern), and side views of the house barge.
- 2. Physical description/dimensions:
 - Height of the structure (measured from the top of the roof down to either the main deck or 3 feet above the surface of the water, whichever is lower): _____ ft.
 - Length (excluding any propulsion systems): _____ ft. Width (beam): _____ ft.
 - Interior space dimensions: Lowest deck or floor _____ sq. ft. / Second deck or floor _____ sq. ft. / Third deck or floor _____ sq. ft. / Other interior area (specify): _____ sq. ft.
- 3. Attach a sketch or plan showing a side view (elevation or profile) and a view from above (exterior dimensions plan view).
- 4. Current House Barge Number: _____
- 5. This structure has been continuously used as a residence in the City of Seattle since July 1, 1990. Yes No

I DECLARE AND AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE PROVIDED HERE IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Applicant Printed Name	Applicant Signature	Date
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Mail check for \$62.70 (made out to City of Seattle) with this form to: City of Seattle DCI, Attn. Cashiers, P.O. Box 34234, Seattle, WA 98124. You can also submit this application in person at the Public Resource Center counter on the 20th floor of the Seattle Municipal Tower at 700 5th Avenue and pay with check, cash, or credit card at that time.

HOUSE BARGE VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE

(This part to be completed by Department of Construction and Inspections staff)

The house barge at (location /address) _____ meets the requirements of 23.60A.204.B.1, 23.60A.204.B.2, and 23.60A.204.B.3.a and SDCI has issued the following House Barge Verification Number. This does not certify compliance with any other section of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Number:

Not valid unless stamped by SDCI with a verification number.

SDCI AUTHORIZATION

- In Person Applicant
- Mailed Application
- Fee Paid

Verification Issued
(Date Stamp)

SDCI Reviewer

SDCI A/P Number: