ORDER

WATERWAY and WATERCRAFT BAN

BE IT KNOWN:

Heavy rain in the surrounding Austin area that began on July 12, 2026, has necessitated floodgate operations at Mansfield Dam and Tom Miller Dam.

These conditions have created high and swift waters, which combined with debris, has made recreational, commercial, and navigational use of all water ways including all creeks within the City of Austin unsafe; these waterways include: the entirety of Lake Austin from Mansfield Dam to Tom Miller Dam; Lady Bird Lake; and Colorado River downstream of Longhorn Dam.

Under the Authority of Section 8-5-21 of the Austin City Code, I hereby determine that flood conditions exist in the following described waterways, creeks and lakes and said waterways are collectively the "Flood Ban Area":

- Lake Austin from Mansfield Dam to Tom Miller Dam
- Lady Bird Lake
- Colorado River downstream of Longhorn Dam

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

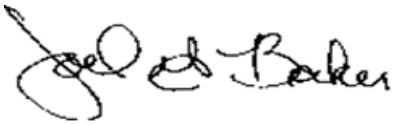
People are advised that it is an offense to violate this ORDER or to attempt a low water crossing or any road that has been barricaded.

Watercraft illegally being operated on waters in the Flood 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 23rd day of July 2026.

This Order is effective immediately on July 23, 2026, and expires at 5 p.m., Saturday, July 25, 2026.



BY:

Fire Chief

City of Austin