

# TOWN OF WATERFORD

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## DOCK PERMIT APPLICATION

A permit from the CEO is required for first-time dock installation or enlargement of a dock.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner of Record \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address of Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address of site \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person submitting this notification (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address of Applicant (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

MAP# \_\_\_\_\_ LOT# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated date of installation \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### DOCKS ARE TEMPORARY STRUCTURES

Docks may be installed each year after ice-out and must be removed by November 1. Docks are defined as temporary structures and therefore are not subject to grandfathering. Any changes to dock regulation ordinances will apply to ALL docks, whether new or already in existence.

No more than one pier, dock, wharf or similar structure extending or located below the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland is allowed on a single lot; except that when a single lot contains at least twice the minimum shore frontage a second structure may be allowed and may remain as long as the lot is not further divided.

### DOCK PLACEMENT & INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

#### Length

Docks should be kept to a reasonable length that both provides access to the lake and at the same time is not out of proportion with surroundings. Dock placement should take into account neighboring properties, navigation routes through narrow water body channels, and other unique aspects of the water body. In no case, should a dock exceed the lesser of the halfway point (100 feet) of the no-wake zone (200 feet) or one-third of the distance to the opposite shore in narrow areas of the water body.

#### Width

State dock regulations limit the width of dock structures to no more than six feet wide. Waterford observes and enforces these State of Maine regulations.

#### Setbacks

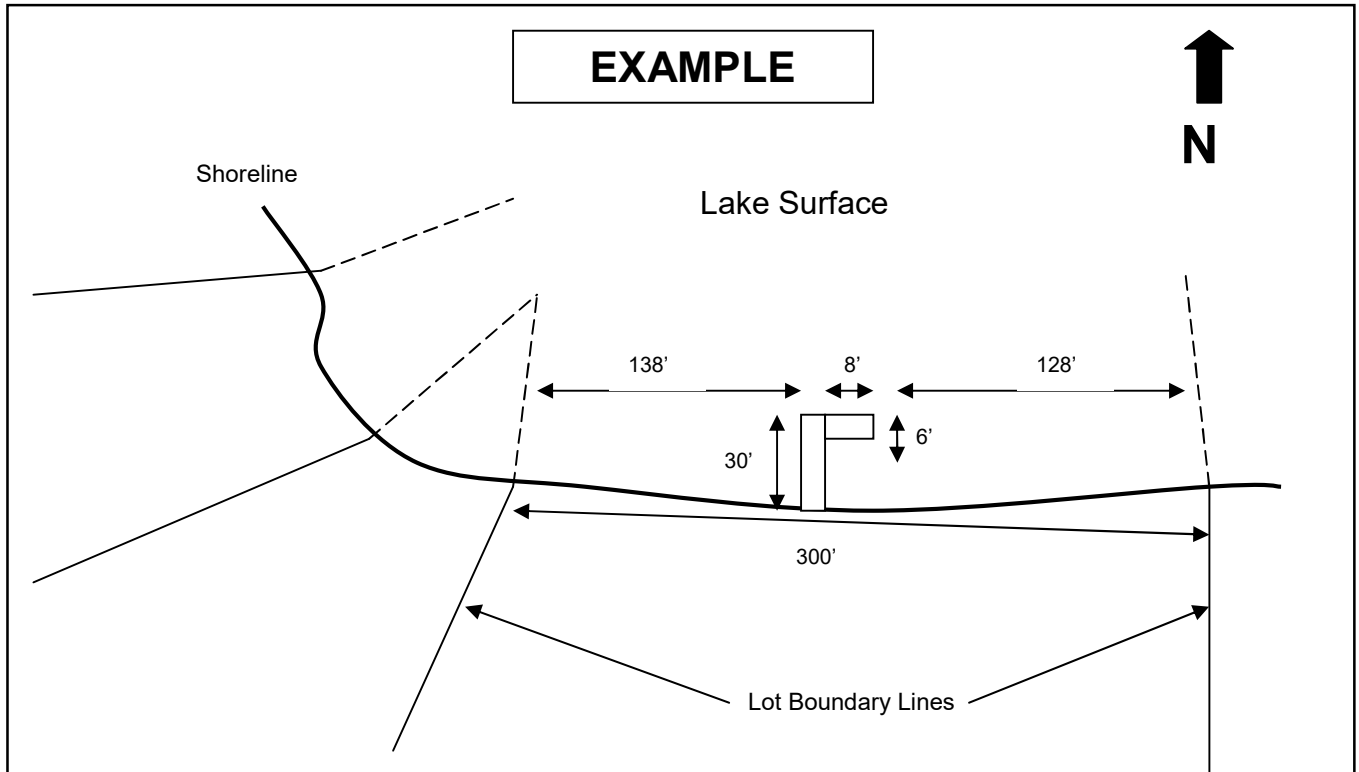
Docks should be placed more than five feet (5') from the lot boundary lines as those boundary lines are projected out into the water body at a 90 degree angle (perpendicular) to the shoreline from the high water mark. These submerged lands boundary line projections are to be calculated based upon the average of three feet surrounding the point at which the land-based boundary lines intersect the high water mark of the water body, as observed from an aerial point of view.

**WINTER STORAGE**

Docks should be stored on dry land and placed in footpaths, roads, or other open areas – **that is, docks stored for the winter should not cover any critical vegetative buffer areas within the 100 foot shoreline buffer zone.**

**SKETCH**

Attach a description of the dock installation on the next page or attach a separate sheet using the example below. Sketch the dock structure and placement on the shoreline giving accurate dimensions, including, the lot's shoreline length, the lot boundary lines, plus, those boundary lines extended into the water, as instructed above, and the placement of the dock relative to those property lines. Indicate north.



All applications can be held for review for 35 days. A copy of the permit will be given after the \$25 fee is collected. Any false information submitted in the application may result in a penalty and possible fine. If you need assistance with this application, please contact the Code Enforcement Officer. Incomplete permits will not be signed.

**Expiration of Permit**

Following the issuance of a permit, if no installation of the dock is achieved within one year of the date of the permit, the permit shall lapse and become void and all fees forfeited to the Town of Waterford.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Owner of Record (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_ \$ Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Pd \_\_\_\_\_

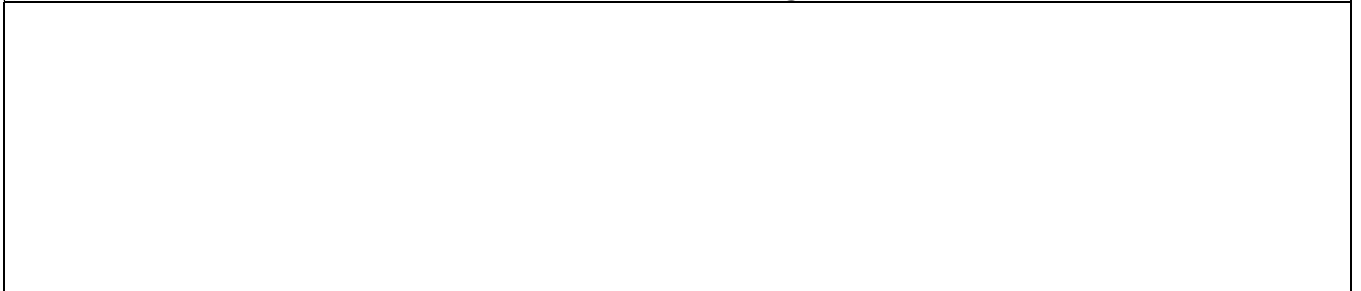
Signature of CEO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Sketch

(See instructions and example on previous page – provide bird's eye view)



**Provide a brief description of your proposed dock**



**Excerpt from Waterford Shore Land Zoning Ordinance Section 15 as Amended March 5, 2016**

**C. Piers, Docks, Wharfs, Bridges and Other Structures and Uses Extending Over or Below the Normal High-Water Line of a Water Body or Within a Wetland, and Shoreline Stabilization**

1. A permit is required for first time dock installation or enlargement from the Code Enforcement Officer.
2. No more than one pier, dock, wharf or similar structure extending or located below the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland is allowed on a single lot; except that when a single lot contains at least twice the minimum shore frontage as specified in Section 15.A, a second structure may be allowed and may remain as long as the lot is not further divided.
3. Access from shore shall be developed on soils appropriate for such use and constructed so as to control erosion.
4. The location shall not interfere with existing developed or natural beach areas.
5. The facility shall be located so as to minimize adverse effects on fisheries.
6. The facility shall be no larger in dimension than necessary to carry on the activity and be consistent with the surrounding character and uses of the area. A temporary pier, dock, or wharf shall not be wider than six feet for non-commercial uses.
7. No new structures shall be built on, over or abutting a pier, wharf, dock or other structure extending beyond the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland unless the structure requires direct access to the water body or wetland as an operational necessity.
8. Docks and wharfs that are not permanent shall be removed not later than November 1 of each year.
9. No existing structures built on, over or abutting a pier, dock, wharf or other structure extending beyond the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland shall be converted to residential dwelling units in any district.
10. New permanent piers and docks shall not be permitted unless it is clearly demonstrated to the Planning Board that a temporary pier or dock is not feasible, and a permit has been obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Natural Resources Protection Act.
11. Vegetation may be removed in excess of the standards in Section 15(P) of this Ordinance in order to conduct shoreline stabilization of an eroding shoreline, provided that a permit is obtained from the Planning Board. Construction equipment must access the shoreline by barge when feasible as determined by the Planning Board.
  - a. When necessary, the removal of trees and other vegetation to allow for construction equipment access to the stabilization site via land must be limited to no more than 12 feet in width. When the stabilization project is complete the construction equipment access way must be restored.
  - b. Revegetation must occur in accordance with Section 15(S).