



Estero Building Department
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Procedures for Dock & Shoreline Structure Permits

Dock and shoreline structures require building permits for construction. Dock related structures include boatlifts, boat davits, boathouses, fishing piers, boardwalks, floating docks, and mooring pilings. Shoreline related structures include seawalls, riprap rock revetments and other erosion control structures. Dredging is not a structure, but is also permitted through the same procedure.

Call (239) 221-5036 with questions regarding dock and shoreline procedures.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STRUCTURES AND DREDGING:

1. One (1) completed application form, including directions to the site.
2. Three (3) copies of a site plan (looking down at the site).
Site plan is best drawn to scale. A property boundary survey works well as a base map for the site plan. The site plan must include the following as applicable:
 - Property boundaries
 - Width of Parcel at waterbody
 - Width of waterbody
 - Description of shoreline, including vegetation
 - Existing structures in or adjacent to waterbody
 - Distance proposed structure extends into waterbody with setbacks from side property line shown
 - Mean low water depth (MLW) for any boat slips proposed in a natural waterbody (river, gulf, etc.)
3. Three (3) copies of plan view – construction drawings.
Plan view – construction drawings must include all measurements necessary to compute dimensions, including square footage of all proposed structures. The construction drawings must include the size and type of materials proposed to be used. Examples of materials that require specifications include pilings (length/diameter), dimensional lumber, fasteners (bolts/nails) and size/quantity of steel in concrete.
4. One (1) copy of the written authorization or exemption from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is required for structures or repairs of structures. Under an agreement executed in 1998, the DEP has received delegation of authority to issue specific ACOE approvals. The Fort Myers Office of the DEP is located in the State Office Building, 2295 Victoria Avenue, STE 364 and their number is (239) 344-5600.
5. All construction drawings associated with commercial, industrial, or multi-family projects must include sealed construction drawings by a professional engineer (P.E.) or registered architect.

6. If proposed work is commercial, industrial, or multi-family, a development order (DO or LDO) is required. Contact Development Services at (239) 533-8585. **If proposed work is part of an approved development order (DO or LDO) provide one (1) copy of the approved DO plans.**

BUILDING PERMITS

The building permit board and approved plans must be posted prior to beginning work and remain on the site until the final inspection has been approved. Failure to have plans or permit board posted during inspection will result in a failed inspection and additional re-inspection fees.

REVIEW AND PERMIT RELATED FEES

Payment of the plan review fee is required at time of permit application submittal. Payment of the building permit fee is required when the approved permit is obtained.

FINAL INSPECTIONS

Final inspections of dock and shoreline structures must be requested within 6 months from date of building permit issuance. If an inspection has not been completed within 6 months, the permit will expire and reissuance will be required to complete the project. For Reissuance of an expired permit, please contact the Permitting Office at (239) 221-5036.

Inspections can be easily requested in the following ways:

- By calling the Building Department at (239) 319-2817
- Online at www.estero-inkforce.net

Please note that the following are typical inspections that may apply:

- 118 – Dock & Shoreline Structure Final
- 304 – Rough Electric (for boatlifts, lights, outlets)
- 305 – Final Electric (for boatlifts, lights, outlets)
- 106 – Final Framing (for boathouses)
- 501 – Roof – dry in (for boathouses)
- 503 – Roof – final (for boathouses)