

Floating Docks Works of the District

Boundary Setbacks

25 feet minimum from dock edge to the riparian rights line (essentially an extension of the property line into the river) for lots with greater than 65 feet of river frontage.

Number of Vessels

No more than 2 personal vessels (2 jet skis = 1 vessel). Vessel mooring areas are always required to have at least 2 feet of water depth.

Size

Allowable preempted area: 10 times the length of the river frontage on your property, i.e. 100 linear feet of river frontage = 1,000 square feet of claimed space on the waterward side of the Ordinary High-Water Line (OHWL).

Include area between tie-back cables for preempted area calculation.

Gangways

No more than 5 feet wide.

Works of the District (WOD)

This guide was created to assist property owners with frequently asked questions (FAQs) about permitting requirements for floating docks less than 2,000 square feet within Works of the District (WOD) floodways. WOD refers to rules that are established by the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) for construction within the floodways of five rivers: Alapaha, Aucilla, Santa Fe, Suwannee, and Withlacoochee.

Protect the Environment

All areas of the floodway should remain in a natural state to the greatest extent possible. Only clear what is necessary. Disturbance to natural vegetation should be minimized or avoided.

What Do I Need For My Permit Application?

Application Fee:
\$250.00

Ownership:

Provide proof of the applicant's ownership of the property.

Application Form:

62-330.402(1) ERP general permit, signed by the property owner.

Agent Authorization Letter:

If an agent is submitting a permit application on behalf of the landowner.

Site Plan:

Dimensions and positions of all existing and proposed structures on your property, any anchoring devices, boat slips, top of bank or ordinary high-water line, distance from dock to adjacent property boundaries, preempted area, length of river frontage, and trees removed larger than 6 inches in diameter.

Profile Plan:

A side view of the proposed dock showing heights of your dock.

Different permitting or fee requirements may apply if:

- o Any portion of your proposed project is located within wetlands;
- o You would like to construct a fixed dock;
- o Your dock will be used for any purposes other than residential;
- o You would like to include additional structures with your permit;
- o There is an existing District permit at your property;
- o Your proposed project is located within an aquatic preserve; or
- o Your proposed dock exceeds 2,000 square feet or the allowable preempted area for your lot.

Am I allowed to place a dock on my property?

Yes, with the appropriate permit, anyone who owns river frontage within the floodway can build one dock on their property.

What restrictions exist under this permit?

- o Dock may not be enclosed by walls, screens, or doors.
- o Dock may not be used for commercial purposes.
- o No fish cleaning stations, boat repair facilities, or fueling facilities.
- o No throwing trash, fuel, or human/animal waste from dock.
- o The permittee shall comply with wildlife protective measures when performing work within waters accessible to federal - or state-listed aquatic species, such as manatees, marine turtles, smalltooth sawfish, and Gulf sturgeon.

Please note: This document is intended as a guide. Please refer to 40B-4, F.A.C., 62-330, F.A.C., 18-20, F.A.C., and 18-21 F.A.C., for complete information. A District permit does not eliminate the necessity to obtain any required federal, state, local, and special district authorizations prior to the start of any construction, alteration, operation, maintenance, removal, or abandonment authorized by a District permit. Please contact your federal, state, and local agencies for further guidance.

Please visit our website at www.mysuwanneeriver.com to learn more or email us at resourcemanagement@srwmd.org for all your permitting questions.



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