



POLICY: DOCK STRUCTURES & DIMENSIONS

ORIGINAL ADOPTION: 05-28-2019

REFERENCE NO. ADMIN-008

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PURPOSE & SCOPE

This policy is intended to supplement the City Waterways Code: Section 78-103: Regulations (c) Dock Structure and Dimensions to provide guidelines for dock sites with a Dock Use Area (“DUA”) of 32’ or less on what dock configuration and accessories are permitted for non-abutters.

PERMITTED DOCK STRUCTURE AND DIMENSIONS FOR SITES WITH A 32’ DUA OR LESS

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Dock Covers

- Allow current non-abutter Dock Covers to be grandfathered in as a legal non-conforming use which will end when the dock location licensee changes.
- No new non-abutter Dock Covers are allowed as of the 2019 season.
- Abutter dock locations to be regulated as current code and practice allows as long as DUAs are maintained.

Open Design Docks

Note: Open design docks typically use a minimum of 19.5 to 23 linear feet of DUA. This use allows for 2.5 to 5-foot side setbacks and 30-foot dock sites.

- Allow open design docks for non-abutters which use no more than 20’ of DUA and do not impact setbacks. Allow current non-abutter open design docks wider than 20’ to be grandfathered in as a legal non-conforming use which will end when the dock location licensee changes.
- Allow only one Boat Storage Unit (“BSU”) at non-abutter dock locations with open design to maintain DUA setbacks.

Lifts and Canopies

- Lifts and lift canopies are allowed on all commons dock locations.
- Multiple lifts are allowed if within the DUA and as long as only one lift is stored in the DUA on the shoreline during the winter.
- Lift canopies must meet Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (“LMCD”) standards for size (minimum vertical height of 30 inches).

The Dock Administration may grant exceptions to the policy in instances where it is found that the exception is necessitated due to unusual circumstances, and to those sites with more than 32’ of DUA, and if granted would not have a detrimental impact on the public safety or welfare.