



TOWN OF CHESTER  
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CHESTERTOWN, NY 12817  
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APPLICATION #: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## APPLICATION FOR A DOCK OR MOORING PERMIT

(CONSTRUCTION OF A DOCK, MOORING, ETC. FOR COMMERCIAL OR SHARED BEACHFRONT USE REQUIRES ACTION BY THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OR THE PLANNING BOARD. SEE THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR FOR DETAILS).

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Work Cell

Applicant (if different than owner): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Work Cell

Tax Map Parcel # (Section/Block/Lot): \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Property (911 Address): \_\_\_\_\_

Date when batter boards or stakes will be in place for inspection: \_\_\_\_\_

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF DOCK OR MOORING APPLICATION:

It is imperative that **ALL** applicable spaces be completed and application is **SIGNED**.  
Other items that must be submitted with this form are:

1. **ONE PLOT PLAN** showing:
  - a. Exact location proposed for dock, mooring, or boathouse.
  - b. Distance to any neighboring lot lines and/or wetlands along shorefront.
  - c. Any nearby navigational obstacles, whether pre-existing or created by the proposed structure, including distances to them.

2. **BUILDING PLAN** showing:
  - a. Dimensions of the construction and structural design.
  - b. Method of anchoring to shore and materials to be used for framing, deck, posts, etc.
3. **COPY OF THE DEED** for the property for which application is being made.
4. **FEE**, as per Fee Schedule. Checks to be made payable to: **TOWN OF CHESTER**.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

1. Setbacks for docks, moorings, floats, and boathouses shall be such that neither they nor any vessel berthed shall extend across any property line extended into a body of water.
2. A Zoning permit is required for construction of any dock, deck, float, or boathouse;
3. Dock, waterfront deck, mooring, float, or boathouse rentals are not allowed except at marinas.

#### **DOCKS:**

1. Only single tier docks are allowed.
2. No dock shall be constructed so as to interfere with normal navigation or with reasonable access to adjacent docks. In a stream, brook, river or other flowing water, **no dock shall extend offshore more than twenty-percent (20%)** of the width of the stream, brook, river, or other body of water.
3. No dock shall be constructed unless so designed as to withstand the forces of flowing water and wave wash in a flowing body of water, such as a river or stream. No dock shall be constructed unless so designed as to withstand the forces of wave wash and normal winter conditions. Pressure treated (sealed, non-leaching type) lumber will be allowed for the construction of the dock except for the legs or other parts which would be in constant contact with the water. Legs of pipe with preformed pads are preferable. Docks shall be securely anchored to the shore.
4. No dock shall extend more than **forty (40) feet** offshore from the shoreline. **No dock shall exceed more than two hundred and forty (240) square feet.** A maximum of one half of the shoreline can be used for docking and/or beaching, including docks plus boat slips. Tarps shall not be allowed as dock covers.
5. Beaching shall be allowed in lieu of dock. A maximum of one half of the shoreline can be used for combined docking (including slips) and beaching. Beaching shall not be allowed in any designated swimming area.
6. The construction and/or reconstruction of docks for marinas and contractual access lots are subject to review by the Planning Board.
7. A maximum of one-half (1/2) of the shoreline can be used for dockage (docks plus boat slips and beaching).

**MOORINGS AND SWIM FLOATS:**

1. No mooring shall be constructed so as to interfere with normal navigation or with reasonable access to adjacent moorings and/or docks and can extend **no more than fifty (50) feet** from the shoreline.
2. The number of moorings, whether residential or commercial except for swim floats shall be limited, as follows:
  - a. A minimum of fifty (50) feet of shoreline is required for a mooring.
  - b. An additional fifty (50) feet of shoreline is required for each additional mooring.
  - c. One swim float shall be allowed per shoreline lot.
  - d. The maximum size of a swim float shall be **one hundred (100) square feet**. Floats may be constructed with pressure treated lumber (sealed, non-leaching type) except for the parts which would be in constant contact with the water. Parts which would be in constant contact with the water can only be constructed with untreated lumber. Floats must be securely anchored and supported by Styrofoam or sanitized barrels or other environmentally safe flotation used so as not to become a navigational hazard. Floats must be equipped with two (2) or more reflectors on each side (preferably on the corners).

**BOATHOUSES:**

1. Height:
  - a. Boathouses **shall not exceed eighteen (18) feet** in height measured from the mean high water marks to the highest point of the structure for peak roofs and fourteen (14) feet for flat roofs.

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**Please Note: A permit for a dock, swim float, or mooring is issued *after* construction has been completed and the Zoning Administrator has been notified to perform an inspection. As long as the structure has been installed in accordance with the aforementioned prescribed Town of Chester Zoning Local Law and all materials requested have been submitted, a Zoning Certificate and a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued.**

*I have read the regulations above and agree to abide by these and all requirements of **Article 7, Section 7.03 Docks Moorings, Floats, and Boathouses** in the Town of Chester Zoning Local Law.*

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Signature of Owner

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Signature of Applicant

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Date