



PIER AND BOATHOUSE PERMIT/APPLICATION

Effective January 14, 2025

This application/permit for the construction of a new pier and/or boathouse/wharf or expansion of an existing pier/wharf or boathouse as required by the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances Chapter 6. No applications will be considered without the complete required documentation. Additional permits may apply including a bulkhead/shoreline permit. Please refer to Chapter 6 for any additional questions/regulations.

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Mailing Address: _____

Applicant's Phone Number: _____

Applicant's Email Address: _____

Location of Proposed Pier and/or Bulkhead: _____

- 1) No person shall construct or otherwise cause to be any pier, wharf, boathouse, or other similar work unless same be situated so that no portion thereof shall extend across a boundary line. No boathouse shall be situated unless there is suitable space for the entry and exit of the watercraft which it houses without having to cross a boundary line. No pier, wharf, or boathouse shall be situated closer to any boundary line than five (5) feet. There shall be a minimum of two (2) feet elevation of the deck of any pier, wharf, or boathouse above normal pool stage of the lake. No pier, wharf or boathouse shall exceed thirty (30) feet in height above normal pool stage of the lake. No more than one hundred (100) square feet of any pier or wharf may be enclosed and no single wall may exceed sixteen (16) feet in length. No heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems may be installed in, nor shall any conditioned space be incorporated into the design of a pier, wharf, or boathouse.
- 2) No hazardous substances shall be employed in the construction or placement of piers, wharves, boathouses, or other similar works, and sewerage systems shall be required where sewerage waste is collected. AU materials placed into False River shall meet the requirements of the Louisiana Water Control Law (RS 20:2017-2078), and be in conformity with the

Federal Water Pollution Control Act (P.L. 92-500, as amended) and the Federal Water Quality Standards (48 FR 51405).

- 3) No structure shall be situated, reconstructed, or removed by any person along the legal shoreline, or along the water's edge if within the public or private side of the legal shoreline, of False River without first securing all necessary permits from the parish. A permit application must be submitted for all work along the above-described area, regardless of any other federal, state or local permits required by other agencies. A permit issued by the parish does not relieve the applicant from any other permit requirements from any other federal, state, or local agency. Permits are not required for general maintenance or repair projects costing less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or maintenance or repairs to previously permitted, non-legacy structures that have not been substantially damaged.
- 4) *Permits.* A permit shall be required for the construction or reconstruction of any pier, wharf, boathouse, or other similar work. Every permit application shall be accompanied by a set of plans and specifications which clearly and accurately describe the project. Any and all costs for preparing said plans and specification shall be borne by the person requesting the permit. There shall be a fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) charged for the processing of the permit application
- 5) *Legacy pier/wharf/boathouse.* Piers, wharfs and boathouses or other similar structures constructed, or under construction prior to the effective date of the permit requirement shall be considered legally nonconforming "legacy pier, wharf and boathouse." The parish has initiated the "legacy pier, wharf and boathouse" designation as a way to transition existing, non-compliant piers, wharfs and boathouses into the permitting program. This designation is limited to the life of the legacy pier, wharf or boathouse as it currently exists, and legacy piers, wharfs or boathouses shall not be modified so as to expand the square footage of the structure or increase the extent to which the structure is non-compliant with the restrictions in this section. Any renovation, including re-roofing or reconfiguration of the living space, that does not expand the footprint or height of the structure will require a permit to ensure such restriction but shall not impair the legacy status of the structure. Should a legacy pier, wharf or boathouse be destroyed or substantially damaged, and the legacy pier, wharf or boathouse owner wishes to replace or reconstruct the structure, then any proposed replacement structure must be permitted under the pier permitting program. Similarly, should a legacy pier, wharf or boathouse owner wish to repair a pier, wharf or boathouse that has not been destroyed or substantially damaged, but the repairs exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), will be exempted generally from the permitting restrictions, but will require a permit to certify that the structure was not substantially damaged and the reconstruction does not exceed the prior extent of non-conformity. Ordinary repairs not due to a damaging event that exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be permitted under the pier permitting program. Owners of Legacy piers, wharfs or boathouses that have been destroyed or substantially damaged who choose not to replace the structure may be required to remove the remains of the destroyed structure or structure that is beyond repair from the shoreline. Piers, wharfs and boathouses which have been abandoned, are considered unsafe, or are illegally located on public property shall immediately be removed or repaired by the owner and brought into conformance with this article.

Office Use Only:

Date of Application: _____

Required Fee: _____

Inspection Check List and Required Documents Attached: _____

This application is hereby:

_____ Approved

_____ Denied (Reasons must be stated below)

Reasons for denial:

Parish Building Official _____ Date _____

Parish Planning and Zoning Administrator
Date