



**PIER AND BOATHOUSE  
PERMIT/APPLICATION**

*Effective April 21, 2021  
Amended on September 20, 2023 and October 24, 2023*

*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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**New Pier and/or Boathouse/Wharf**

- 1) No person shall construct or otherwise cause to be situated on the public side of the legal shoreline of False River, either in whole or in part, any pier, wharf, boathouse, bulkhead or other 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 exist of the watercraft which it houses without having to cross a boundary line.
  
- 2) 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.

- 3) Prior written approval (permit) is required by Pointe Coupee Parish Government for the construction of any structure (pier, wharf, or boathouse) built on pilings or floatation devices or any other action described along the water's edge of False River.
- 4) No pier or wharf shall extend further from the shoreline into False River than the longest adjacent pier or wharf. For the purposes of this regulation, "adjacent pier or wharf" shall mean the piers or wharfs on either side of the proposed pier or wharf, without regard to whether it is attached to the property immediately abutting the property from which the proposed pier or wharf shall extend. A variance to this pier length restriction may be granted by the parish council after a hearing at a parish council meeting. The applicant for a variance shall mail notice of the variance request to all adjacent property owners, not less than 10 days before the meeting. In lieu of written notice, the applicant may provide written evidence of no objection from all adjacent owners to the council.
- 5) Minimum Standards:
  - a. No pier, wharf, or boathouse shall be situated closer to any boundary line than five (5') feet.
  - b. 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.
  - c. No heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems may be installed
  - d. No pier, wharf or boathouse shall exceed thirty (30) feet in height above normal pool stage of the lake.
  - e. 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.
  - f. 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. All 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).
- 6) 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 other local agency. Permits are not required for general maintenance or repair projects costing less than ten thousand dollars

