

Pinellas County Code Excerpts

Sec. 58-536. - Appeals.

- (a) Permits under this article shall not be effective until 30 days after approval and, if a petition for hearing is filed, until such petition is heard and determined.
- (b) Any person, including the state, aggrieved by the county's findings of fact and determination under this article, may, within 30 days of such findings and determination, petition for a hearing, stating in such petition the grounds upon which the county has erred in its findings and wherein such person is aggrieved by such findings. The board may, in its discretion, grant or deny such hearing.
- (c) Any person, including the state, who is aggrieved by the board's ruling on the petition for hearing, shall have the right to have the entire cause reviewed by the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of the State in and for the county. Requests for appeal shall be filed within 30 days after the public hearing date from which the board's ruling was made.
- (d) Appeals of variances granted or denied by the board or board of adjustment and appeals may be made to the Circuit Court for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of the State in and for the county. Requests for appeal shall be filed within 30 days after the public hearing date from which the decision to grant or deny the variance was made.
- (e) Failure to file an appeal as provided in this section shall constitute acceptance of the permit and its conditions.

Sec. 58-555. - Design criteria for private docks.

- (b) The following additional design criteria shall apply only to those private docks in the unincorporated areas of the county:
 - (1) Private docks to be constructed in the waters of the county shall be constructed so that the length of the dock, excluding tie poles, shall not extend from the mean high water line or seawall of the property further than one-half the width of the property at the waterfront. This requirement may be waived by the county provided that signed statements of no objection from both adjacent waterfront property owners have been submitted.
 - (2) Private docks and boat lifts, excluding tie poles, must be constructed within the center one-third of the applicant's waterfront property or 50 feet from the adjacent property, whichever is less restrictive. This requirement may be waived by the county, provided that signed statements of no objection from the property owners encroached upon have been submitted.

Sec. 58-501. - Definitions.

Tie piles means and includes dolphin, batter, sister, or mooring piles which are placed to provide anchorage, mooring, structural support, or space for a ship or boat.