

PIER-DOCK-BOAT LIFT SAFETY POLICY  
UPPER SUNSET PARK

NOTES

1. This Policy was adapted from the SFLECC PIER-DOCK-BOAT LIFT SAFETY POLICY.
2. This Policy governs only those property owners who have lake access which is contracted from the SFLECC by the Upper Sunset Park Association. All property owners whose lake access abuts their real property are governed by the SFLECC PIER-DOCK-BOAT LIFT SAFETY POLICY.

PROCEEDURES

1. Complaints about Piers, Docks, Boat Lifts (Structures) from the public must document the date and time the complaint was received and identify the complainant.
2. Anonymous complaints can also be filed, but the fact that the complainant is anonymous must be noted.
3. Authorized Structures can be deemed unsafe, inoperable, or a navigational hazard.
4. After a complaint is received or after the USPA Board has identified a questionable structure on their own initiative, the USPA Shorefront Committee shall determine which structures in question shall be inspected.
5. The USPA Shorefront Committee shall write up a report of its inspection and recommend to the USPA board what action should be taken.
6. If action is to be taken, the report and suggested repairs shall be sent to the appropriate USPA property owner with lake access, with a notice declaring that his or her Structure is no longer a safe structure.
7. The USPA property owner with lake access shall have 60 days from the date he or she receives the notice to accomplish the suggested repairs. An extension of time can be granted if a written request for an extension of time is submitted to the USPA Board.
8. After the time limit has expired, a re-inspection shall take place. If sufficient repairs have not been completed, another notice shall be sent stating that within 60 days the license holder shall have his or her shorefront license revoked and legal proceedings shall be initiated in small claims court to have the unauthorized Structure removed from SFLECC-USPA property. All expenses relating to these legal proceedings including attorney's fees, and removal of the unauthorized Structure, shall be the responsibility of the offending USPA property owner with lake access.

GUIDELINES

All authorized Structures, new or existing, must meet Carroll County Building Codes including but not limited to:

1. A minimum structural capacity of 75 pounds per square foot of superimposed load on any horizontal surface accessible to foot traffic. Additional loads applied to any dock by boat lifts, roof columns, etc., must be accounted for in addition to the superimposed load during the life of any boat dock.
2. No gaps greater than 1" are permitted on any horizontal surface accessible to foot traffic.
3. Concrete Structures must be maintained to prevent exposure of any reinforcing steel. Any exterior concrete which would be exposed to rain or snow must have cracks and joints greater than 3/4" continuously sealed. Concrete Structures are no longer permitted in Upper Sunset Park.
4. Steel Structures must be maintained such that rust does not significantly reduce the original cross section of steel members or cause any original penetrations through the steel to become enlarged.
5. Wood Structures must be maintained such that water damaged and or rotten wood members that support foot traffic, live loads, dead loads, and or snow loads are repaired or replaced.
6. No slopes on walking surfaces greater than 1" slope in 12" will be allowed.
7. All electrical wiring shall be 125 volt, single phase, 15 or 20 ampere installed with a ground fault circuit interrupter protection as required in the 2000 International Residential Code.
8. Permanent steel piers and boat lifts driven into solid lake bed are not permitted in Upper Sunset Park.
9. Boat lifts may have a wooden deck with a fascia trim installed over the frame. The fascia trim can extend down no more than 18" from the top of the side frame. No boat lift can have a total height more than ten (10') feet from the water to the top of the frame. A roof deck and railing shall not project up more than an additional four (4') feet.
10. Any commercially fabricated boat lifts, (normally considered removable), shall be maintained in safe working order.

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