

CITY GUIDELINES FOR ENCROACHMENTS INTO A DEFINED FLOODWAY

The following guidelines address permitting requirements for encroachments into a Floodway identified on the latest Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for the city. FEMA regulations prohibit encroachments in a Floodway unless it can be shown through an Engineering Analysis and No-Rise Certification that the construction activity will have no effect on the flood elevation or reduce the conveyance in a Floodway. However; certain minor projects may be considered de-minimis, having no measurable effect on the flood elevation of a Floodway. Any proposed activity will be carefully evaluated for compliance with these guidelines and all FEMA regulations.

No-Rise Certification may not be required if:

1. Limited to docks that extend into Floodway. Other minor structures on piling may be considered.
2. Lowest horizontal supporting member of the structure shall be above the BFE and no lower than 5' NAVD'88 on FIRM if extended into Floodway.
3. Dock size will be limited to one single straight pier with minimal impact of any structural component in the floodway basin (ie: piling, dock ladders only).

No-Rise Certification required if:

1. Fill, embankments, seawalls, docks or other structures located below BFE of a Floodway.
 - Engineering Hydrologic and Hydraulic study required with No-Rise Certification by Florida State Licensed Professional Engineer.
 - Engineered mitigation measures may be acceptable.

All other applicable outside agency approvals must be obtained prior to permit issuance.

Permit closeout items

1. Dock: At completion, the applicant shall provide a survey that shows the elevation of the lowest horizontal supporting member that meets or exceeds minimum criteria.
2. Other: Seawall, fill, embankments, etc., the applicant shall provide a survey that shows the permit activity meets or exceeds minimum criteria, even if permitted outside but adjacent to the floodway boundary.