

Article 17.
DOCKS, WHARVES, MOORING PILES AND BOAT MORORINGS

Sec. 17-1 - Docks, wharves and mooring piles--Canals, lakes, or waterways.

The construction, erection or installation of mooring piles and/or boat docks or similar landing facilities for water craft, in any canal, lake or waterway, or on land abutting thereon, shall be subject to the following conditions and restrictions: (1926, 2618, 2725, 3205, 3236)

- (a) No dock, wharf or similar structure shall be constructed over or in any canal, lake or more than five (5) feet outward from the bank for specific properties and the Mahi Canal in Section 4.
- (b) No mooring piles shall be placed or set in the canals, lakes or waterways which shall be located at a greater distance than twenty-five (25) feet from the bank of such water or waterways.
- (c) Except as described for specific properties and the Mahi Canal in Section 4, no dock or mooring piles shall be placed in any waterway within the City at a greater distance from the bank thereof, which, when allowance is made for the erection or placing of a dock or mooring piles on the opposite bank at a similar distance from the bank, will leave less than seventy-five (75) feet of open unobstructed navigable water between such piles, docks and similar structures on the opposite bank.
- (d) No dock extending outward over or in the water from the bank shall be permitted in connection with any lot which a reasonable area along the shore thereof shall be at such level as to provide a natural landing stage or platform for persons embarking on or debarking from boats.
- (e) All mooring piles, docks and/or similar structures shall maintain the same minimum setback from the adjacent owner's property line extended as established for the main structure permitted on each building site, except as described for specific properties and the Mahi Canal in Section 4.
- (f) Except as described for specific properties and the Mahi Canal in Section 4, and as provided for under Section 17-1 (d) above, the mooring of boats in canals or waterways shall be forbidden unless such moorings, and similar mooring on the opposite bank, shall leave unobstructed

passageway in the canal or waterway of at least seventy-five (75) feet in width.

- (g) Where the width of the canal or waterway permits mooring of boats parallel to the banks, but does not permit the erection of docks or the placing of outer mooring piles, fender or mooring piles may be placed at a distance not greater than eighteen (18) inches from the bank or shore, and such piles shall be Venetian type, painted and ornamentally capped.

Sec. 17-2 - Docks and mooring piles--Biscayne Bay.

The construction, erection or installation of boat docks or similar landing facilities for watercraft, pilings and dolphins on the bay front edge or in Biscayne Bay shall be subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

- (a) No docks shall extend more than twenty-five (25) feet from the property line into Biscayne Bay.
- (b) All mooring piles, dolphins and/or docks shall set back a minimum distance of twenty-five (25) feet from the adjacent property owner's lot line extended.
- (c) No docks, pilings or dolphins may be set until a permit therefore is first granted by the Department of the Army of United States Government.
- (d) Mooring piles and dolphins shall not be set more than twenty (20) feet into the bay from the dock line.

Sec. 17-3 - Mooring of boats.

In single-family residence districts, where boats are permitted to be moored in canals or waterways, all boats shall be moored parallel to the property line abutting the canal or waterway.