

AGENDA ITEM

November 2, 2022

TO:Mayor Jerry L. Demings
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County CommissionersFROM:Jon V. Weiss, P.E., Director
Planning, Environmental, and Development
Services DepartmentCONTACT PERSON:David D. Jones, P.E., CEP, Manager
Environmental Protection Division
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SUBJECT: December 13, 2022 — Consent Item Environmental Protection Commission Recommendation for Request for Waiver and Variance for Garth Becker for Dock Construction Permit BD-21-10-150

The applicant, Garth Becker, is requesting a Dock Construction Permit with a waiver to Orange County Code (Code), Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-342(b) (terminal platform size) and a variance to Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-343(a) (side setback) in order to construct a new boat dock. The project site is located at 12836 Jacob Grace Court, Windermere, FL 34786 (Parcel ID Number 13-23-27-8510-00-580) on Lake William Davis in District 1.

On October 28, 2021, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) received an Application to Construct a Dock at the subject property. Included with the dock application was an Application for Waiver to Section 15-342(b) requesting a larger than allowed terminal platform of 714 square feet in size (185 square feet over what is allowed) and an Application for Variance to Section 15-343(a) to reduce the side setback from 10 feet to one foot from both the northern and southern property lines was also included with the dock application.

Terminal Platform Size Waiver

Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-342(b) of the Code states, "the maximum square footage of the terminal platform shall not exceed the square footage of ten times the linear shoreline frontage for the first seventy-five (75) feet of shoreline and five times the linear shoreline frontage for each foot in excess of seventy-five (75) feet, not to exceed a maximum of 1,000 square feet." According to the recorded plat, the applicant has a shoreline that measures 52.96 feet at the Normal High Water Elevation, which allows for a maximum terminal platform of 529 square feet. The applicant is requesting a terminal platform size of 714 square feet.

Waiver Criteria

Pursuant to Section 15-350(a)(2), "the applicant shall describe (1) how this waiver would not negatively impact the environment, and (2) the effect of the proposed waiver on abutting shoreline owners."

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To address Section 15-350(a)(2)(1), the applicant's agent, Mr. Peter Fleck, states, "The client (Garth Becker) is willing to pay mitigation fees to offset impacts."

To address Section 15-350(a)(2)(2), Mr. Fleck states, "The abutting shoreline owners signed letters of no objection and are supportive of the project."

The applicant has agreed to pay \$409.78 to the Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) as mitigation to offset the shading impacts to Lake William Davis associated with the larger terminal platform size, should the waiver request be approved.

Side Setback Variance

Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-343(b) of the Code states, "On lots or parcels having a shoreline frontage of less than seventy-five (75) feet, docks including designated mooring areas, shall have a minimum side-setback of ten (10) feet from the projected property line." The applicant has a shoreline that measures approximately 52.96 feet and therefore the dock is required to meet a setback of 10 feet. Lake William Davis is privately owned, and pursuant to Section 15-323, the projected property lines are the actual property lines for purposes of calculating side setbacks. The applicant is proposing a side setback of one foot from the northern real property line and one foot from the southern real property line.

Section15-350(a)(1) Variances states, "A variance application may receive an approval or approval with conditions when such variance: (1) would not be contrary to the public interest; (2) where, owing to special conditions, compliance with the provisions herein would impose an unnecessary hardship on the permit applicant; (3) that the hardship is not self-imposed; and (4) the granting of the variance would not be contrary to the intent and purpose of this article."

Variance Criteria

Pursuant to Section 15-350(a)(1), "the applicant shall also describe (1) how strict compliance with the provisions from which a variance is sought would impose a unique and unnecessary hardship on the applicant-the hardship cannot be self-imposed; and (2) the effect of the proposed variance on abutting shoreline owners."

To address Section 15-350(a)(1)(1), the applicant's agent, Mr. Peter Fleck, states, "Due to the unique property boundaries, it makes it hard to meet the setback requirements."

To address Section 15-350(a)(1)(2), Mr. Fleck states, "They have signed a letter of no objection."

Public Notifications and Letters of No Objection

On May 20, 2022, EPD received the Letters of No Objection from the affected property owners to the north (Gary and Cathy Johnson – 12830 Jacob Grace Court) and to the south (Zakir and Hazra Shaikh – 5401 Marleon Dr.) for the side setback of one foot.

On August 12, 2022, a Notice of Applications for Variance and Waiver was sent via certified mail to all shoreline property owners within a 300-foot radius of the property. EPD did not receive confirmation of delivery for eleven of the notices. Accordingly, EPD requested that the applicant's agent, Mr. Fleck, hand deliver the eleven notices. On September 9, 2022, Mr. Fleck provided documentation that the notices had been delivered.

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On September 28, 2022, the applicant and agent were sent notices to inform them of the October 26, 2022, Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) meeting.

Enforcement Action

There is currently an open incident on the subject property (Incident 22-608875) for noncompliance with Lakeshore Protection Permit (LSP-20-09-100). As of August 4, 2022, EPD staff received photographs of the shoreline from the agent, Mr. Fleck, showing that the maintenance of the vegetation along the shoreline has ceased with the exception of an access corridor allowed under Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article VII, Section 15-255(1). EPD will review the status of the shoreline vegetation for compliance with LSP-20-09-100 during the compliance inspection for the boat dock and either close the incident at that time or follow up with the applicant as appropriate.

EPD Staff Evaluation/Recommendation

Staff evaluated the waiver request for compliance with the criteria for approval. The recommendation of the Environmental Protection Officer (EPO) is to approve the request for waiver to Section 15-342(b) (terminal platform size) based on a finding that the applicant has demonstrated that there will be no negative affect on the abutting shoreline owners pursuant to Section 15-350(a)(2)(2), as no objections have been received. In addition, Section 15-350(a)(2)(1) has been appropriately addressed in that the applicant has agreed to make a payment of \$409.78 to the CTF to address the additional shading impacts associated with the larger terminal platform size.

Staff also evaluated the variance request for compliance with the criteria for approval. The recommendation of the EPO is to approve the request for variance to Section 15-343(a) (side setback) based on a finding that, pursuant to Section 15-350(a)(1)(1), the hardship is not self-imposed due to the narrowing, pie-shape of the lot, and pursuant to Section 15-350(a)(1)(2), the applicant has demonstrated that there will be no negative affect on the abutting shoreline owners, as no objections have been received and letters of no objection were provided by the affected property owners.

EPC Public Hearing

EPC Member Peter Fleck declared a conflict, completed Form 8B, and was present to represent the applicant.

EPD presented the waiver request in a public hearing before the EPC at their October 26, 2022 meeting. Based upon evidence and testimony presented at the hearing, the remaining members of EPC voted unanimously to accept the findings and recommendations of the EPO, and recommended approval of the waiver to Section 15-342(b) (terminal platform size) with the condition that the applicant remit a payment in the amount of \$409.78 to the CTF as mitigation for the additional shading impacts.

Based upon evidence and testimony presented at the hearing, the EPC also voted unanimously to accept the findings and recommendations of the EPO, and recommended approval of the variance to Section 15-343(a) (side setback) to reduce the side setback from the northern and southern projected property lines from 10 feet to one foot.

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ACTION REQUESTED: Acceptance of the findings and recommendations of the Environmental Protection Commission and approval of the request for waiver to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-342(b) to increase the maximum terminal platform size from 529 square feet to 714 square feet with a mitigation payment of \$409.78 to the Conservation Trust Fund within 60 days of the decision of the Board of County Commissioners; and approval of the request for variance to Section 15-343(a) to reduce the side setback from 10 feet to one foot from the northern and southern projected property lines for the Garth Becker Dock Construction Permit BD-21-10-150. District 1

JVW/DDJ: jk

Attachments

Dock Construction Application for Waiver and Variance







DOCK PLANS

Garth Becker

Prepared For

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Prepared By

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October 8th, 2021



















Railing to be used when decking is 30" above grade.







Design Standards

The following are general design standards. More stringent design standards may be noted on the plans.

General Requirements:

Reproductions of contract drawings by contractor in lieu of preparation of shop drawings signifies acceptance of information shown as correct and obligates himself to any expense, real or implied, arising from their use. A change to the structural drawings due to the acceptance of alternates and/or substitutes is the responsibility of the contractor and must be submitted to the engineer for approval. The general contractor and each subcontractor shall verify all existing conditions prior to the start of any work. All inconsistencies shall be reported to the designer and/or structural engineer, if needed. Should contractor construct the premises in a fashion not consistent with the plans prepared by the designer and/or structural engineer, or in any fashion, change the plans and drawing without the review and approval from the designer and/or structural engineer. Then designer and/or structural engineer shall bear no responsibility or liability for the construction of premises and accuracy of the drawings.

Design Code: Florida Building Code 2020

The Aluminum Association, latest edition

Design Loads:

Ultimate Wind: 140 mph at 3 second gust (30 psf minimum)

ASCE 7-16	Pursuant to Chapter 1609 LL (–Table 1607; WL- Section 1609) Risk Category II (<i>Table 1604.5</i>) Exposure Category: "D" (FBC 1609.4.3 & ASCE 7-16, Section 26.7.2)		
Galvanized Bolts:	Deck Live Load: 60 psf Guardrail: 50 plf and 200 lbs (concentrated load)		
All bolts shall be galvanized be ASTM	Dead Load: 10 psf		
A572, grade 50 threaded round stock with	Roof Live Load: 20 psf		
a minimum yield stress of 50,000 psi.	Components and cladding, design wind pressures + 38psf/-38psf		

Timber:

Design in accordance with the National Design specification for wood construction, with loading in accordance with the Florida Building Code. All graded structural lumber shall be pressure treated and meet the following minimum requirements:

> Minimum bending stress = 1250 psi (No. 1 Dense So. Pine) Young Modulus = 1600 ksi Maximum of 15% moisture content Contractor may use Southern Yellow Pine No. 1 or U.O.N.

Lumber sizes shown are nominal sizes. Lumber shall be furnished in finished sizes meeting the requirement of the American Softwood Lumber Standard.

Structural Aluminum:

Conform to latest edition of Aluminum Association of Florida standard practice for aluminum design.

All aluminum shall be 6061-T6 (E= 10,000ksi; Fy = 35 ksi)

Concrete

Conform to ACI 318, latest edition and ACI 301

Compressive Ultimate Strength (Minimum at 28 days) shall be 3,000 psi

Exposed chamfer edges shall be 3/4"

Reinforcing Steel:

Conform to ACI 318 and 315. Latest edition All reinforcement steel shall be ASTM A615 Grade 60. Min footing cover 3" Smooth dowels & ties shall be ASTM A185

Structural Steel:

Conform to latest edition of AISC "Specification for structural steel building" and AISC "Code of standard practice for steel buildings and bridges".

All structural steel shall be ASTM A36, (E=29,000 ksi; Fy = 36 ksi) Splicing prohibited without prior approval as to location and type. Burning of holes in steel members is prohibited. Any member with burned holes must be replaced.

Welding:

Conformed to "code for welding in building construction" by the American Welding Society, latest edition.

Steel Weld IAW AWS D1.1 (latest edition) -E70XX electrodes Aluminum Weld IAW AWS D1.2 (lasts edition)-Filler Alloy 5356 or equal.

Connection welds to be sized for forces and reactions indicated. All steel welds shall be E70XX low hydrogen, 250 degrees min. Welds shall be full penetration welds at all points of contact

Screws: Use 3-6d Nails or 2- 3" deck screws per T&G to secure to roof trusses.



APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT A BOAT DOCK APPLICATION FOR WAIVER

(Pursuant to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-350(a)(2))

Mail orOrange County Environmental Protection DivisionDeliver To:3165 McCrory Place, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32803
(407) 836-1400, Fax (407) 836-1499

I Peter Fleck on behalf of Garth Becker (if applicable) pursuant to Orange County Code Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-350(a)(2) am requesting a waiver to section (choose and circle from the following: (5-342(b)) 15-343(b), 15-344(a) and 15-345(a)) of the Orange County Dock Construction Ordinance.

 Describe how this waiver would not negatively impact the environment: The client (Garth Becker) is willing to pay mitigation fees to offset impacts.

Describe the effect of the proposed waiver on abutting shoreline owners:
The abutting shoreline owners signed letters of no objection and are supportive of the project.

The environmental protection officer and the board may require of the applicant information necessary to carry out the purposes of this article.

By signing and submitting this application form, I am applying for a waiver to the Section indicated of the Orange County Dock Construction Ordinance identified above, according to the supporting data and other incidental information filed with this application. I am familiar with the information contained in this application, and represent that such information is true, complete, and accurate. I understand this is an application and not a permit, and that work conducted prior to approval is a violation. I understand that this application and any permit issued pursuant thereto, does not relieve me of any obligation for obtaining any other required federal, state, or local permits prior to commencement of construction. I understand that knowingly making any false statements or representation in this application is a violation of Sections 15-341 & 15-342, Orange County Code.

Name of Applicant: Peter Fleck	
Signature of Applicant/Agent	Date: 5.20.22
Corporate Title (if applicable):	



APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT A DOCK APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

(Pursuant to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-350(a)(1))

Mail orOrange County Environmental Protection DivisionDeliver To:3165 McCrory Place, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32803
(407) 836-1400, Fax (407) 836-1499

Enclose a check for \$409.00 payable to The Board of County Commissioners

I PETER FLECK on behalf of Garth Becker (if applicable) pursuant to Orange County Code Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-350(a)(1) am requesting a variance to section 15-343(a) of the Orange County Dock Construction Ordinance.

1. Describe how strict compliance with the provisions from which a variance is sought would impose a unique and unnecessary hardship on the applicant (the hardship cannot be self-imposed):

Due to the unique property boundaries, it makes it hard to meet the setback requirements.

2. Describe the effect of the proposed variance on abutting shoreline owners:

They have signed a letter of no objection.

Notice to the Applicant:

The environmental protection officer, environmental protection commission and the Board of County Commissioners may require additional information necessary to carry out the purposes of this article.

A variance application may receive an approval or approval with conditions when such variance: (1) would not be contrary to the public interest; (2) where, owing to special conditions, compliance with the provisions herein would impose an unnecessary hardship on the permit applicant; (3) that the hardship is not self-imposed; and (4) the granting of the variance would not be contrary to the intent and purpose of this article.

By signing and submitting this application form, I am applying for a variance to the Orange County Dock Construction Ordinance identified above, according to the supporting data and other incidental information filed with this application. I am familiar with the information contained in this application, and represent that such information is true, complete, and accurate. I understand this is an application and not a permit, and that work conducted prior to approval is a violation. I understand that this application and any permit issued pursuant thereto, does not relieve me of any obligation for obtaining any other required federal, state, or local permits prior to commencement of construction. I understand that knowingly making any false statements or representation in this application is a violation of Sections 15-341 & 15-342, Orange County Code.

Name of Applicant: Peter Fleck		_
Signature of Applicant/Agent	Date: 7.1.22	
Corporate Title (if applicable):		





AFFECTED ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER NOTARIZED STATEMENT OF NO OBJECTION TO BOAT DOCK SIDE-SETBACK WAIVER REQUEST

The following is to be completed by the affected adjacent property owner as required by Section 15-343, Orange County Code. Section 15-343(b) states: "On lots or parcels having a shoreline frontage of seventy-five (75) feet or greater, docks shall have a minimum side setback of twenty-five (25) feet from the projected property line, unless such requirement is reduced by an appropriate waiver which shall be reviewed by the environmental protection division. Waivers from side-setback requirements may be granted by the environmental protection officer if a notarized letter of no objection to the waiver is received from the shoreline property owner abutting the applicant's property line affected by the waiver."

5401 Marleon Dr , a legal property owner of property located at Windermere, Fl 34786 Zakir and Hazra Shaikh L (Adjacent Property Owner Name) (Address) have reviewed the dock construction plans dated 3.10.22, for the property located at 12836 Jacob Grace Ct Windermere, Fl 34786 , and have no objections. The dock construction plans include a side setback waiver request of 1 feet, in lieu of the minimum 25 feet required by Code. roperty Owner (Date) (Print Name -Adjacent Affected Property Owner) **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ORANGE April My was acknowledged before me this '9 day of 2022 by HAZRA Hina Sharkh ********* The fore (Signature of A State of Florida) Mary **OR** Produced Identification Personally Type of Identification Produced **BD Side Setback Letter of No Objection** EPC-027-2018-01



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I. <u>Lynn- and Cathy Johnson</u> , a legal property owner of property located at <u>W</u> (Adjacent Property Owner Name)	lindermere, Fl 34786
	(Address)
have reviewed the dock construction plans dated, for the property located at 12836 Jacob Grace Ct Windermere, Fl 34786, and have no objections.	
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(Signature Alfacent Affected Property Owner) 4/12/22	
(Print Name -Adjacent Affected Property Owner)	
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:	
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ORANGE	
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Personally Known OR Produced Identification	
Type of Identification Produced	



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ORANGE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION October 25, 2022

Applicant: Garth Becker

Permit Application Number: BD-21-10-150

Location/Address: 12836 Jacob Grace Court, Windermere, FL 34786

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the findings and recommendation of the Environmental Protection Officer, and make a finding that the request for waiver is consistent with Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-350(a)(2) and recommend approval of the request for waiver to Section 15-342(b) to increase the maximum terminal platform size from 529 square feet to 714 square feet with a mitigation payment of \$409.78 to the Conservation Trust Fund within 60 days of the decision of the Board of County Commissioners; and

> Accept the finding and recommendation of the Environmental Protection Officer and make a finding that the request for variance is consistent with Section 15-350(a)(1) and recommend approval of the request for variance to 15-343(a) to reduce the side setbacks from the adjacent northern and southern projected property lines from 10 feet to one foot for the Garth Becker Dock Construction Permit BD-21-10-150. District 1

EPC AGREES WITH THE ACTION REQUESTED, AS PRESENTED

EPC DISAGREES WITH THE ACTION REQUESTED, AS PRESENTED AND HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

Reject the findings and recommendation of the Environmental Protection Officer, and make a finding that the request for waiver is not consistent with Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-350(a)(2) and recommend denial of the request for waiver to Section 15-342(b) to increase the maximum terminal platform size from 529 square feet to 714 square feet with a mitigation payment of \$409.78 to the Conservation Trust Fund within 60 days of the decision of the Board of County Commissioners; and

Reject the finding and recommendation of the Environmental Protection Officer and make a finding that the request for variance is not consistent with Section 15-350(a)(1) and recommend denial of the request for variance to 15-343(a) to reduce the side setbacks from the adjacent northern and southern projected property lines from 10 feet to one foot for the Garth Becker Dock Construction Permit BD-21-10-150. District 1

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Serving our community by conserving, protecting, and enhancing the environment for current and future generations.