

CODE BOOK LANGUAGE FOR CHANGES TO BOATHOUSE, PIER, AND IRRIGATION PERMITS ON AGFC LAKES

CHAPTER K1.00 - LAND USE POLICY

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COMMISSION LAKES

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*Be sure to review the Arkansas Game and Fish Guidelines for Resolving Real Estate Encroachments (Section 10.8) and the AGFC Fishing Guidebook

3.0 Permits

3.1 General Information –Applications for all permits are provided in the Appendix.

Applicants should allow at least 30 days to process the permit application(s). Permits are not transferable upon resale or transfer of ownership of the property. It is the current landowner's responsibility to disclose the Policies on Land Use Around AGFC Lakes upon resale or transfer of ownership of his/her property. New lakefront landowners purchasing properties with an existing pier, boathouse, boat slide or irrigation system must apply for a new permit and number in the new property owner's name. Proof of home ownership is required. ~~All permits must be renewed annually.~~ Permit renewals will be on a three year cycle. A new registration sticker will be sent with the renewed permit. New property owners are responsible for permitting or removing the structure within 90 days of taking possession. Structures not removed or permitted during that time are subject to removal by the Commission at the property owner's expense.

3.2 Agreement – The Application(s) for permits must be completed and signed by the lakefront property owner. In signing the application(s) the lakefront property owner agrees to comply with all applicable requirements outlined in the Policies on Land Use Around Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Lakes and to repair or remove boathouses, piers, boat slides, or irrigation units should they at any time deteriorate to be in violation of the Policy. The landowner assumes all liability associated with said structures. A copy of private boathouse, boat slide, or pier construction plans, dimensions, and list of materials to be used and a copy of the plat map with the boathouse, boat slide, pier, or irrigation unit location marked must accompany the Application. Failure of not sending in all required information will result in delay of

permit issuance.

3.3 Permit Display Requirements and Fees

Piers, boathouses, boat slides, and irrigation units must display the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission permit number on the structure. Permit numbers must be a minimum of 3 inches in height. Along with issuance of the permit, you will receive a metal placard and a colored registration sticker for each boathouse, boat slide, pier, or irrigation pump. The permit numbers shall be placed on the left side of the placard and the registration sticker shall be placed to the right of the permit numbers on the placard. Permit numbers must be clearly visible, legible and of a color that contrasts with that of the metal placard. The placard must be placed on the side of the structure facing the center of the lake, making it visible at all times. Boat slides and irrigation units must have the placard attached to a 4"x 4" post that is securely set in the ground, as a part of or near the structure. The placard must also be placed at least 3 feet above the ground or normal water elevation of the lake. The metal placard cannot be placed on doors. ~~Each year~~ Every three years, upon renewal of the permit, you will receive a new registration sticker to place on the placard. If a placard must be replaced, contact the Licensing Division at (501) 223-6300 or 1(800) 364-GAME.

☐ Pier, boathouse, or boat slide fee (for each structure): ~~\$30.00~~

☐ Irrigation Permit fee (~~Fee~~ required only if you do not have a boathouse and/or pier.

Metal placard must be placed on a post near the irrigation unit. Refer to Section 4.6):

~~\$130.00~~

☐ Metal Placard(s) fee (For use on boathouses/boat slides/piers/irrigation units. This fee covers all required metal placards for each landowner.): \$25.00

☐ Replacement placard fee: \$5.00 per placard

4.0 Activities Requiring a Permit

4.1 Summary of Activities

Boathouses, Shoreline Stabilizations, Dredging for Boat, Access Boat Slides, Piers, Herbicides and Pesticides, Deepening the Shoreline, Irrigation using lake water (Permit required only if you do not have a permitted boathouse and/or pier)

4.6 Lawn Irrigation – Lakefront property owners may pump water out of AGFC-owned lakes for lawn/garden irrigation needs. Irrigation for agricultural/commercial purposes will not be permitted. Those property owners with a currently permitted boathouse/pier/boatslide will not be required to pay irrigation permit fees or purchase a metal placard for irrigation purposes. Those property owners without a current boathouse, pier, or boat slide permit must apply for an ~~annual~~ Irrigation Permit for irrigation purposes as well as purchase a metal placard for the irrigation unit. **Irrigation permits will be on the same three year cycle as boathouse and pier permits.** No submersible pumps will be allowed. Relift pumps with no more than 1.5 horsepower may be used. Relift pumps may be located on an existing boathouse, pier or the landowner's property. Intake pipes must have screening on them. No part of the pump may be on the AGFC property (lake management buffer). Discharge or intake lines may traverse AGFC property. If electric power lines traverse AGFC property, they must be encased and buried according to State of Arkansas and local codes. The discharge outlet from the pump must be no more than 1 1/2 -inch inside diameter within 5.0 feet of the pump and prior to dispersal for irrigation. Water withdrawal for irrigation is prohibited when the lake elevation reaches 1.0 foot below normal lake elevation.