

**SECTION 510  
REGULATION OF DOCKS AND OTHER  
FIXED OR FLOATING STRUCTURES**

**510.01      DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this section the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them herein.

Subd. 1      "DOCK" means any wharf, pier, or other structure constructed or maintained in the lake, whether floating or not, including, but not limited to, all "Ls", "Ts" or posts which may be a part thereof, whether affixed or adjacent to the principal structure.

Subd. 2      "SLIP STRUCTURE" means a structure designed solely to secure a watercraft for the purpose of protecting it from damage from sun, wind, storm, or rain; the term does not include boathouses, decks, roofs or similar structures.

Subd. 3      "BOAT HOUSE" means a permanent year round boat shelter.

Subd. 4      "DECK" means a structure other than a dock, or element thereof, measuring more than six feet in length or width, located about the surface of the lake and designed for use as a platform, floor, cover, roof or any combination thereof.

Subd. 5      "ROOF" means a permanent dock cover.

Subd. 6      "MULTIPLE HOUSING" means and shall include, townhouses, condominiums, apartments, two-family dwellings and quadraniums.

Subd. 7      "LAKE" means Lake Minnetonka and all parts, bays and channels thereof.

**510.02      REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO LAKE SHORELINE PROPERTY**

Subd. 1      No structure of any kind shall be built within 50 feet of the high-water mark of a meandered lake, except upon 4/5th's approval of the City Council, the minimum distance may be reduced.

Subd. 2      Each lot or parcel of land in a residential district shall be limited to one dock providing for a maximum of two slips. The Council, or City Administrator when so designated by the Council, may grant, by special permit, up to two additional slips for a total maximum of four slips per lot or parcel of land. A special permit shall be granted for the additional slips upon a showing that all slips are being used for boats owned exclusively by the person residing on the property, and his immediate family, or if the property is vacant, the owner of said property and his immediate family.

The regulations contained in subd. 8 of this section shall control the use of docks on property that has multiple housing built thereon.

Subd. 3 No boat, barge, boathouse or other floating vessel or structure tied or connected to a dock within the City or anchored within the inner harbor limits of this city, as defined in 500.01, shall be used as a permanent, temporary or seasonal residence.

Subd. 4 No dock, permanent or floating structure shall be located or constructed within ten feet of the side lot line of any lot or parcel projected to the inner harbor limits. Boats moored to buoys shall be moored so that the stern of said moored boat as it swings shall not cross the side lot line of any lot or parcel of land projected to the inner harbor limits. In the event that any lot or parcel of land is too narrow to dock a boat as stated herein, then the dock or boat shall be located equally distant between the extended side yard lot lines for any said parcel, but in no event shall said dock and boat encroach or extend beyond the side yard lot lines as extended.

Subd. 5 The following may not be erected or maintained on the lake:

- (a) Boat Houses,
- (b) Decks,
- (c) Roofs, or
- (d) Any structure above the horizontal plane of a dock except boat slips or slip structures as regulated by this ordinance.

Subd. 6 A boathouse or dock lawfully in existence on July 13, 1976 may continue but may not be structurally altered or expanded in any way. Such boat house or dock may not be rented or leased except as expressly provided by Section 520 of this Code.

Subd. 7 No dock that is to remain in the water year around (permanent dock) shall be constructed or erected without first obtaining a permit therefore from the City Council. A permanent dock lawfully in existence on November 1, 1982 may continue but may not be structurally altered or expanded in any way without further approval by the City Council.

Subd. 8 Each lot or parcel of land that has multiple dwellings built thereon shall be allowed one dock. The dock may be constructed to allow two slip structures for each housing unit constructed on said property. All slips and docks not conforming with this subdivision shall conform or be brought into conformance and be subject to the terms of this subdivision on or before September 28, 1983.

Subd. 9 Where provisions of the LMCD code Chapter III regulating structures within the lake are more stringent or restrictive than those included in this code the provisions of the LMCD code shall apply.