

Decks, Walkways, and Stairways

~~(O) Fencing, Decks, Patios, Walkways and Stairways, Satellite Antennas, Sun Decks and Walkways~~

(1) Policy

- ~~(e)(a)~~ Decks, patios, walkways, and stairways are all structures which are located landward of the mean annual high water elevation and are considered constructed surfaces. These structures extend human activity into the lakeshore protection zone, focus and concentrate such activity, and provide access to the lakeshore.
- ~~(e)(b)~~ If properly placed and constructed so as to minimize visual impact from adjoining properties and the lake, decks, walkways and stairways typically have minimal impact on the lakeshore and, in some cases, help to protect the fragile lakeshore from foot traffic.
- ~~(e)(c)~~ Proper placement and construction are typically accomplished by flush or ground mounting of all decks, patios, stairways and walkways in conjunction with wise use of the topography and landscaping. Elevated or projecting structures are typically prohibited. ~~In addition, the cantilevering of decks and stairways to create level areas on otherwise steeply sloping, hilly or rocky properties is also typically prohibited.~~

Comment [1]:
Moved Fencing &
Satellite Antenna policies
and standards to other
sections

Comment [2]:
Moved below

(2) Standards

- (a) Constructed decks, patios, walkways and stairways are all structures which are subject to the maximum allowable constructed surface areas as prescribed in Section _____, General Construction Requirements Affecting All Permits.
- (b) The cantilevering of decks and stairways to create level areas on otherwise steeply sloping, hilly or rocky properties is prohibited.
- ~~(e)(c)~~ All decks and patios shall be ground mounted. No portion of a deck or patio shall extend beyond the mean annual high water elevation, nor shall the No portion of the floor of a deck or patio shall extend more than two (2) feet (2') above the adjacent or underlying ground level.
- (d) Railings may be constructed; however, railings shall not extend higher than four (4) feet in height from decks, patios, walkways or stairways and shall maintain at least fifty percent (50%) open space in their design. All wood shall be left in its natural (unstained and unpainted) condition. If metal railings are used, prior to installation, the railings shall be painted or coated with an inert metal sealant (i.e. paint, plastic, rubber, enamel, etc.) which has thoroughly dried/cured prior to its use.
- (e) Covered decks, patios, walkways or stairways are not permitted in the lakeshore protection zone.

- (f) Elevated decks or balconies, including those extending from living quarters, storage buildings, boathouses, etc., which extend higher than two (2) feet above the adjacent ground level, which cantilever over open space or which protrude from the second or upper story of a building are prohibited.
- (g) Decks and patios attached to living quarters are regulated under Section _____, Living Quarters.
- ~~(f)~~(h) Stairways and walkways shall follow the natural grade of the existing lakeshore and should be designed and sized to provide access only.
- ~~(f)~~(i) Stairways and walkways shall ~~(that is, the stairway should be no wider than four (4) feet (4')).~~
- ~~(f)~~(j) Typically, the sStairways shall will be mounted flush or within a few inches of the adjacent or underlying lakeshoreground. In no case shall would a stairway-walking surface be situated higher than two (2) feet (2') above the adjacent or immediately underlying ground. Should the lakeshore prove to be too steep to adequately follow this standard, the applicants shall discuss alternative methods of accessing the lakeshore or consider the lakeshore inaccessible rather than excavating, filling or modifying the lakeshore protection zone so as to meet the standard. Excavating, filling or modifying the lakeshore protection zone to meet this standard is prohibited.
- (k) The recommended construction material for stairways is untreated wood. All wood shall be left in its natural (unstained and unpainted) condition. Poured in place concrete stairways are prohibited.
- ~~(g)~~(l) Walkways shall be constructed on the existing terrain. In no case shall a walkway be situated higher than two (2) feet above the adjacent or underlying ground. The placement of individual stones, gravel or imbedded wood are recommended travel surfaces. Concrete is not.
- (m) Constructed decks, patios, walkways, stairways, and railings shall be designed and constructed with materials which are non-reflective and of natural colors which blend with the background landscape.
- (n) Decks, patios, walkways and stairways shall incorporate methods of managing stormwater drainage.
- ~~(h)~~ Satellite antennas create a visual impact which is discordant with the background of the lakeshore. Location of satellite antennas within the lakeshore protection zone is prohibited.