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Permit Requirements for Piers/Docks/Bulkheads on Residential Property

Code: 2012 Residential Code
Section: R101.2

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Code: 2012 Administrative Code and Policies
Section: 106.1

Question:

Is a permit required for residential piers, docks and bulkheads?

Answer:

Yes. Provisions of GS 143-138 require that all buildings and structures in the state, unless specifically exempted, are subject to the requirements of the State Building Code. Residential piers, docks and bulkheads are not specifically exempted in the statutes or in the Residential Code.

Structures built on residential property not addressed by the Residential Building Code shall be covered by the Building Code, unless specifically exempted. Local inspectors must issue permits for these structures and perform related inspections as required by G.S. 153A-357 and 160A-417.

Keywords:

Boathouse