



Zoning Resolution

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62-54 - Requirements for Public Access on Piers

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- (a) All #developments# on #zoning lots# containing #piers# shall provide #waterfront public access areas# that meet the provisions of this Section.

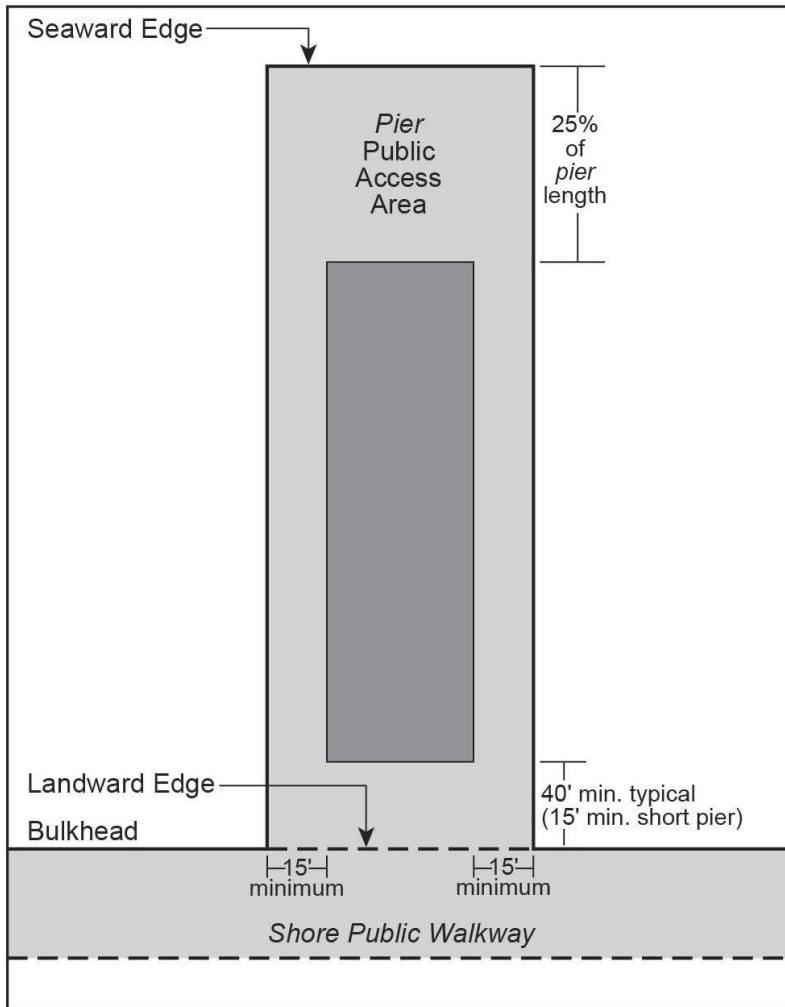
#Waterfront public access areas# on #piers# shall consist of:

- (1) an area along the seaward edge of the #pier# having a depth measured from such seaward edge equal to at least 25 percent of the overall length of the #pier#. Portions of #buildings# may project into the required #waterfront public access area#, provided that the aggregate width of all such projections at the level of any #story# does not exceed 50 percent of the aggregate width of the #building#. For the purposes of this paragraph, #abutting buildings# on a single #zoning lot# shall be considered a single #building#. The depth of the required #waterfront public access area# may be reduced by no more than 20 percent; such projections shall not be included in the computation of #waterfront public access area# provided on the #pier#. In no event shall the depth of the public access area be less than 15 feet;
- (2) an area along the landward portion of the #pier#, having a depth of 40 feet, measured seaward from the bulkhead, stabilized or natural #shoreline#, or #platform# edge from which the #pier# projects. The depth of such area, however, need not exceed 25 percent of the length of the #pier#. In no event shall the depth of such area be reduced to less than 15 feet; or

(3) an area along all other water edges of the #pier#, having a depth of 15 feet measured from such edges. For portions of #piers# wider than 80 feet, the depth along the edges of such portion shall be increased by three inches for each additional foot of #pier# width over 80 feet, but need not exceed a total of 60 feet, in aggregate, for all other edges. Such areas along water edges which are directly opposite each other may be aggregated so that the entire area is along one edge. Alternatively, the required area may also be allocated to such opposite edges so that the total aggregate depth is maintained with a minimum 15 foot depth along any edge.

(b) Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph (a) of this Section, when a #pier# is #developed# #predominantly# with a playground or private park, the #waterfront public access area# requirement on the #pier#, pursuant to Sections [62-52](#) (Applicability of Waterfront Public Access Area Requirements) and [62-60](#) (DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR WATERFRONT PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS), inclusive, shall be deemed to be satisfied by such #use#.

#Pier# public access areas shall be directly accessible from a #waterfront public access area#, public sidewalk within an open #street#, #public park# or other accessible public place, or other public access area. For #piers# #developed# #predominantly# with a playground or private park, the minimum width of such connection shall be equal to at least 50 percent of the width of a #pier# where it projects from the bulkhead, stabilized or natural #shoreline#, or #platform# edge.



- Waterfront Public Access Area*
(*Pier Public Access Area, Shore Public Walkway*)
- Buildable Area or Private Open Area on Pier*

PUBLIC ACCESS REQUIREMENTS ON PIERS

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