

## Appendix A

How did I get here! It started by assuming I could rebuild a dock using the approximate footprint from the previous dock. The previous dock had been damaged during a hurricane prior to us buying the house leaving only the pilings. I built the new dock using traditional methods but to keep the joists out of the water it required the dock height to be raised about 18" above the seawall. Had I built the dock keeping it at Seawall height the joists would be in the water a good portion of the year which is why I believe the previous dock deteriorated to the point of collapse. Our seawall is low only measuring 50" from the canal floor at the wall, but the wall is in great condition, so I did not want to carry the expense of a new seawall to raise the height. Unfortunately, I was not aware of the seawall/dock height requirement prior to building. I was made aware post build that I should have requested a build permit which I am actively pursuing now. Being the owner/builder of the dock, I am respectfully asking for a zoning variance allowing the dock to go higher than the seawall due to the cost of lowering the dock and exposing the structure to water which will make the dock fail prematurely. I have added picture to help better visualize.

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration!

