

Zoning Enforcement Report on King Family request for a variance concerning lake law

Section 7 .1 Applicability.

These regulations shall apply to all property fronting on Otsego Lake, those properties that have deeded and/or contractual access rights to Otsego Lake, and properties that visually and environmentally impact Otsego Lake. State of New York Navigation Law Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 46-a as amended by chapter 569 of the laws of 2021, is amended as it relates to regulations to restrict docks, boathouses and mooring on Otsego Lake Town of Springfield signed into Law by Governor CHAP. 507 11/22/2024, The Town of Springfield may adopt, amend and enforce local laws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of this state or the United States, with respect to the restriction and regulation of the manner of construction and location of boathouses, moorings and docks in any waters within or bounding the respective municipality to a distance of fifteen hundred feet from the shoreline. Added by Local Law # 2 2025

Section 7.9 Ancillary Waterfront Structures

Ancillary Waterfront Structures shall be permitted only as follows:

- a. Not more than two (2) such structures including no more than one (1) boat house and one (1) dock or pier shall be permitted per minimum required lot width, existing lot of record or established right-of-way.
- b. No dock, raft or other moored object shall project more than seventy five feet (75) from the shoreline.
- c. Setback requirements: any boat slip, boathouse, boat hoist structure, boat station, boat accessory structure, dock or other allowed structure shall be set back 4 feet from side property lines extended into the water on the condition that 4ft is feasible.
- d. Mooring buoys shall be placed within each designated area as (c) above, in such a manner that each moored vessel will avoid contact with any other moored vessel or structure. At no time may a moored vessel or part thereof extend outside the limits defined in (c), above.
- f. The table included in Appendix B indicates the numbers of docks or boat slips allowed per linear feet of shoreline within setbacks as defined in (c) above.

Helen King came to the Zoning Officer to ask for a variance from the 1987 law regulating the extension of lot or ROW side lines over the lake, Based on belief that they had been putting there dock in which extend over lake within the 5' ROW and tying boats to each side of dock for many years before 1987 law passed. There are multiple families with access to this ROW. The ZEO can not give a variance hence the ZBA request, The applicant must meet the requirements of the current zoning law to state their case.

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1987 local law

B. No dock, boat house, raft, or moored object (boat) shall project across the extension of the side lot lines of any lot or ROW as such lines are projected into the waterway from the shoreline