## File No. 17-0024 Request for Variance – 3 Stonegate Drive



#### **DEFECTIVE NOTICE**

The mailed and published notices failed to sufficiently identify the parcels that are the subject of this application.

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The Town Commission hearing will be held on **TUESDAY**, **MARCH 21, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.**, at the Belleair Town Hall, 901 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Belleair, Florida. Additional information may be obtained from the Town Clerk's office. All parties interested are invited to attend and be heard.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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Sec. 74-288(c) Location; types of facilities.

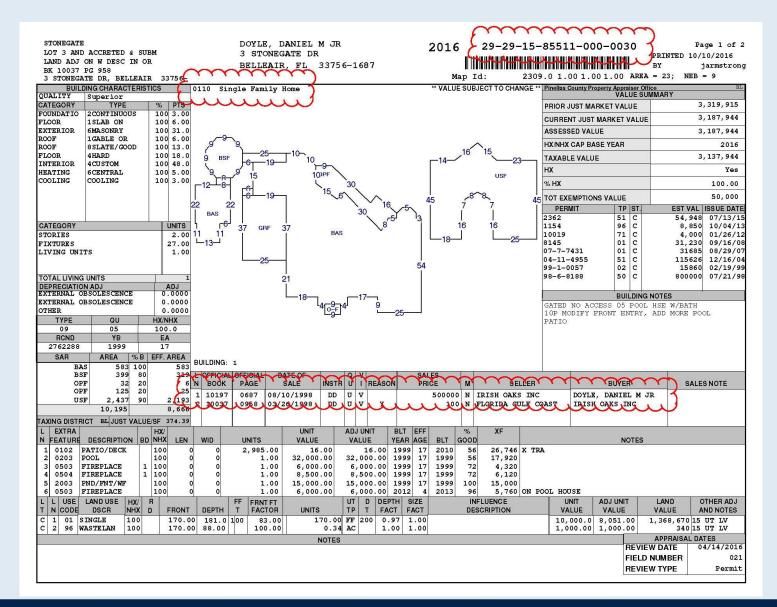
Building permits for docks and piers shall only be issued for construction of docks or piers on riparian properties zoned *and used* for single-family, residential dwellings...

#### Sec. 74-281 – General Standards.

Any number of different accessory structures may be located on a parcel, provided that the following requirements are met:...

(2) There shall be a permitted principal development on the parcel, located in full compliance with all standards and requirements of this land development code.

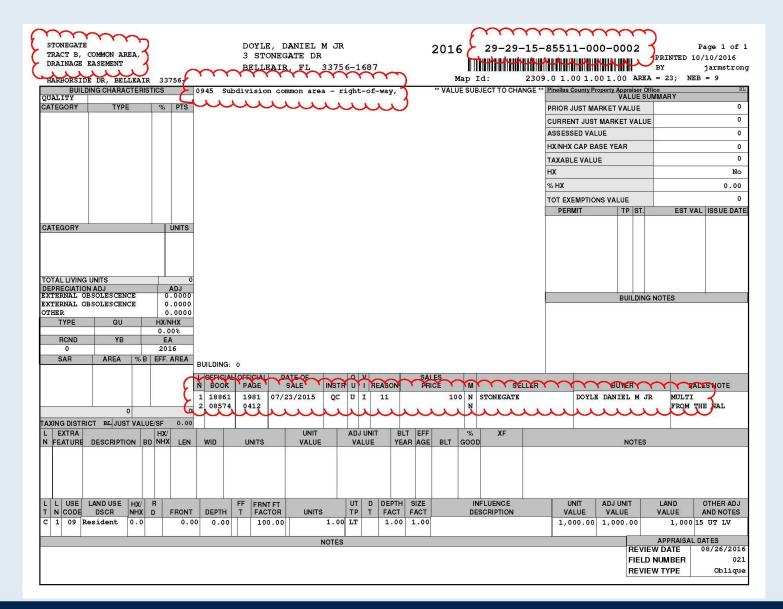






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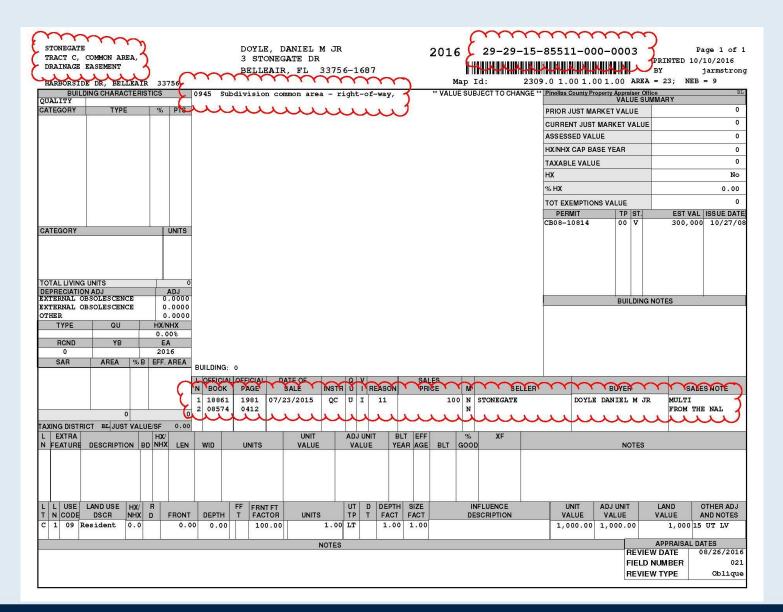






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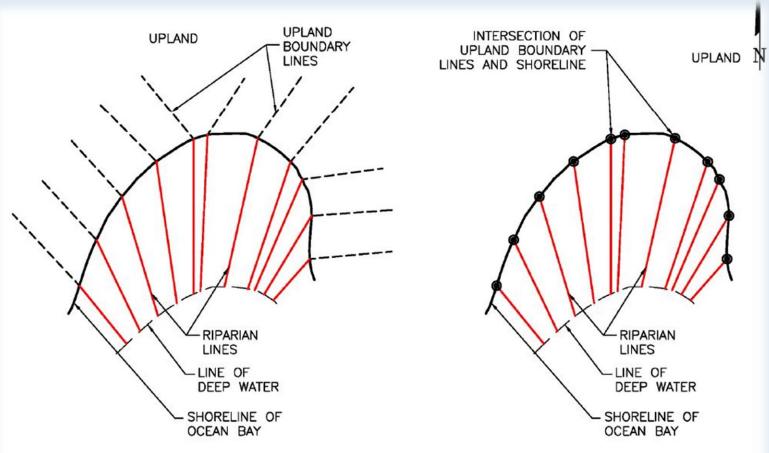
#### Sec. 74-228(d)(1)a.

All docks must be constructed within the *center one-third* of the applicant's waterfront property. This requirement may be waived by the building official provided that the applicant submits a signed, notarized statement of no objection, from the owner of the adjacent waterfront property that the dock encroaches upon.

## Guidelines for Allocation of Riparian Rights (FDEP, February 26, 2013)

"The direction of upland boundaries is largely ignored when apportioning riparian rights. The public's mistaken belief that riparian lines are on the extension of their side upland lines is the most frequent cause of riparian disputes. Instead, the water body must be equitably apportioned as if all waterfront owners were standing on the shore looking out over the water body..."

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DIRECTION OF UPLAND BOUNDARIES IS IRRELEVANT TO DIRECTION OF RIPARIAN LINES

#### Riparian Right to a View

"An upland owner must in all cases be permitted a direct, unobstructed view of the channel..."

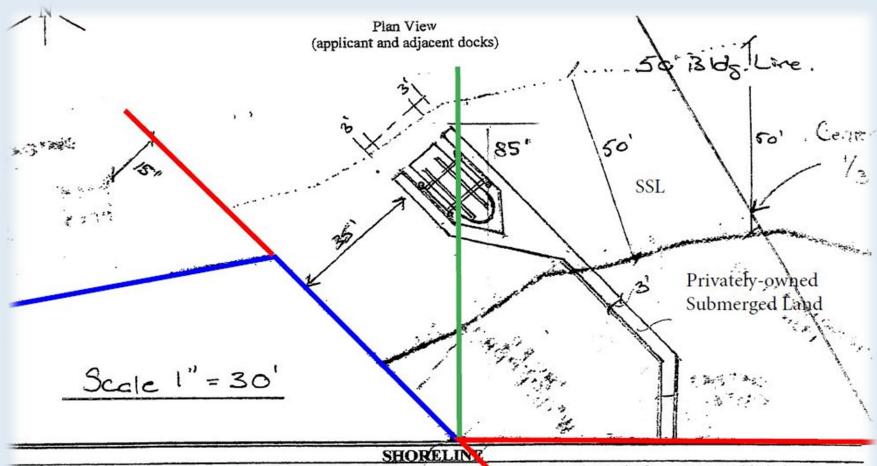
Hayes v. Bowman, 91 So.2d 795 (Fla. 1957)











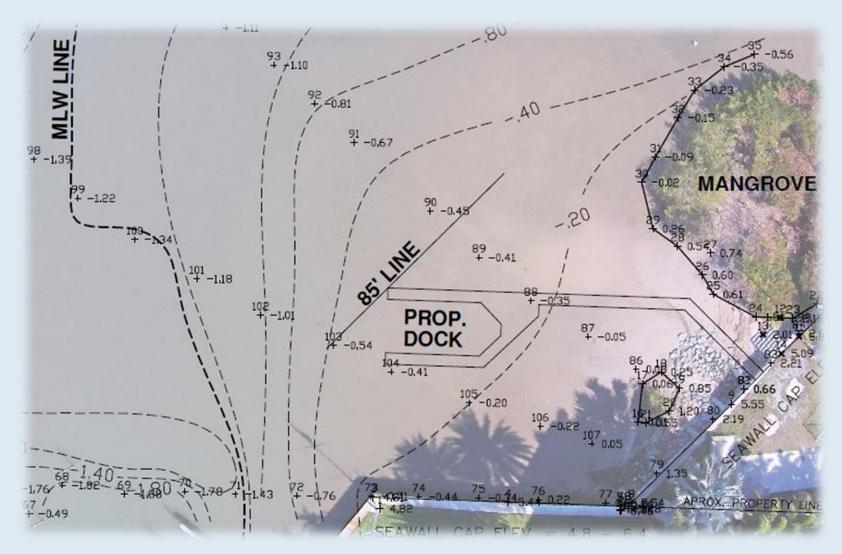
The undersigned does not object to the proposed dock and requested variances as drawn in the space provided above.

Sec. 74-228(d)(1)b.

Private docks shall be constructed to that *the length* of the structure shall not extend more than 50 feet measured from the waterfront.

4.b. ...the proposed extension of the dock is entirely consistent with many other such dock extensions that have been permitted...

4.c. ...the length of the catwalk and the extension of the dock is functionally required in order to meet a sufficient depth of water to accommodate a water vessel.

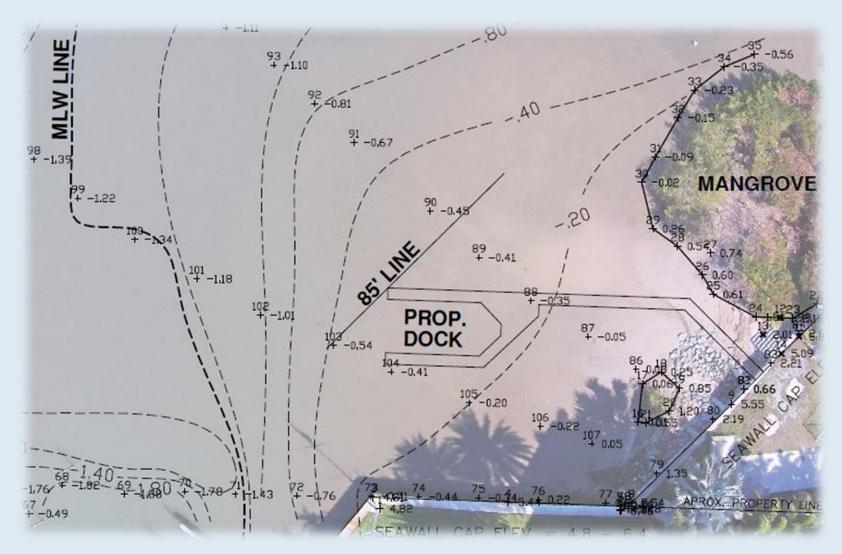


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Mean Low Water Level = -1.25 feet (NAVD 88) Bottom Elevation at Dock = -0.41 feet

4.c. ...The Applicant has no portion of its waterfront which has sufficient depth to accommodate the dock/boat slip, except for this location which is adjacent to the existing dredged area.



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4.c. ...there is no reason for a dock if it cannot extend to the existing dredged area.

4.c. ...the Town and/or its road contractor has negatively impacted the submerged area with silt/sand infiltration from the adjacent road work...

4.d. ...This setback distance is consistent with many other dock permits approved by the Town on other lots, and does not constitute an unreasonable encroachment upon the adjacent property owner.

4.e. Applicable regulatory requirements prohibit the removal of the mangroves; therefore, it is not legally possible to place the dock within the center one-third (1/3) of the waterfront area of the lot. Consequently, the proposed side setback is required to comply with environmental requirements.

## Mangrove Trimming and Preservation Act

Sec. 403.9325. Definitions.

(7) "Riparian mangrove fringe" means mangroves growing along the shoreline on private property, property owned by a governmental entity, or sovereign submerged land, the depth of which does not exceed 50 feet as measured waterward from the trunk of the most landward mangrove tree in a direction perpendicular to the shoreline to the trunk of the most waterward mangrove tree.

## Riparian Mangrove Fringe



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Sec. 403.9328. Alteration and trimming of mangroves; permit requirement.

(5) A permit is not required under [the Mangrove Trimming and Preservation Act] to trim or alter mangroves if the trimming or alteration is part of an activity that is exempt under s. 403.813...

### Riparian Mangrove Fringe

Sec. 403.803(1) A permit is not required under this chapter, chapter 373,... for activities associated with the following types of projects;...

(b) The installation and repair of mooring pilings and dolphins associated with private docking facilities or piers...

Sec. 66-253 - Variances.

- (b) Criteria for granting;...
  - a. Before granting any variance, the town commission *shall* determine that:

1. Special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land, structure or buildings involved.

2. The special conditions and circumstances do not result from actions of the applicant.

3. Literal interpretation of the provisions of the Code would work *unnecessary and undue hardship* on the applicant.

4. The variance, if granted, is the minimum variance that will make possible the *reasonable use* of the land, structure or building.

5. A grant of variance will be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of this Code, and that such variance will not be injurious to the zoning district involved or otherwise detrimental to the public interest.

6. A grant of variance will not result in any land use not specifically provided for in the schedule of district regulations (section 74-82 of this Code) for the zoning district in which the property is located.



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