



## County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 Municipal Policy

Department:

Policy No.

61.0 Planning & Economic Development

61.0.1

Title Seasonal Dock & Mooring Structure on County  
Disposition Areas

### 1. Background:

The bed and shore of waterbodies in the County are the jurisdiction of the Province of Alberta. However, in certain circumstances the County has deemed it necessary and appropriate to obtain a formal disposition from the Province to manage the use of the shoreline. The purpose of this Policy is to regulate the placement of docks and/or other mooring structures within County Disposition Areas.

### 2. Policy Statement:

- 2.1. The County hereby supports the installation of Community Docks and Other Mooring Structures within County Disposition Areas subject to an annual authorization being granted from the County of Wetaskiwin.
- 2.2. This Policy only applies to areas where the County holds a formal disposition from the Province to manage the use of the shoreline. For areas not covered by a formal disposition held by the County, refer to Policy #61.0.4.

### 3. Authorization Requirements

- 3.1. An annual authorization shall be granted when the Dock and or Other Mooring Structure has completed the following requirements:
  - a) authorization application has been submitted;
  - b) does not extend further than one (1) metre (3 feet) onto lands which are traversable by pedestrians and/or vehicles;
  - c) the structure is a Communal Dock;
  - d) a Communal Dock is not located within thirty (30) metres of a public boat launch; and
  - e) the Communal Dock is not located within six (6) metres of another Communal Dock.
- 3.2. Any Dock and/or Other Mooring Structure that does not comply with Section 3.1 may be removed at any time by the County.

### 4. Definitions (if applicable): are created and maintained in the Definition Index and include the following:

- 4.1. **“County Disposition Area”** means any area covered by any instrument executed pursuant to the Public Lands Act or its predecessor or successor, whereby the County has been granted a right or privilege to an area by the Crown.

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- 4.2. **“Communal Dock”** means any pier, wharf, or other structure constructed or maintained in a waterbody, whether floating or not, used for the purposes of mooring a minimum of 11 vessels and includes any walkway, terminal platform, or anchor if an anchor is used.
- 4.3. **“Dock and/or Other Mooring Structure”** means any pier, wharf, or other structure constructed or maintained in a Waterbody, whether floating or not, used for the purposes of mooring a vessel and includes any walkway, terminal platform, or anchor if an anchor is used.
- 4.4. **“Open Water Part of the Year”** means the period of time during the year when the water in a Waterbody is not covered with ice.
- 4.5. **“Waterbody”** means a permanent and naturally occurring body of water or a naturally occurring river, stream, watercourse, or lake.

5. **Related Documents:**

- 5.1. Government of Alberta Disturbance Standard for Temporary Seasonal Docks and other Mooring Structures for Personal Recreational Purposes
- 5.2. *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*
- 5.3. County of Wetaskiwin Land Use Bylaw
- 5.4. County of Wetaskiwin Municipal, Environmental, and Conservation Reserve Bylaw
- 5.5. County of Wetaskiwin Policy 61.0.4 Seasonal Dock & Mooring Structure Installation

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