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On October 20, 2021, the Bonita Springs City Council approved amendments to the Land Development Code (LDC) Chapter 7 Environment, Natural Resources and Marine Facilities, Structures and Equipment Article XII Dock and Shoreline Structures.

The Dock and Shoreline Structures Code was originally adopted as part of the City's transitional LDC in 2000 and was last amended in 2014. Staff had identified changes based on recent permit requests and input from dock contractors in the area. Staff had also researched and compared dock and shoreline regulations from other jurisdictions and other regulatory agencies. The amendments seek to clarify and further define structural configurations of dock and other shoreline facilities in order to provide further flood and water quality protections.

- [View Ordinance No. 21-08](#)

Changes to the code include:

- Dock placement and size specifications: Clarification on structure area, Allows multiple water oriented uses on one structure, Adds lake/boardwalk specifications
- Lessen Side Setbacks
- Seawalls: Allow seawalls to be raised, Not restricted in artificial canals, Continue protections for natural shorelines and V Flood Zones per Bonita Plan
- Adds dredging standards and requirements
- Protection of vegetation: Enhanced vegetation protection and replacement standards, Add seagrass/marine resource protections to align with FDEP requirements and promote increased water quality



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If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Laura Gibson at (239) 444-6150.

