

VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD

Lake Access Right of Ways

LAROW

Dock Permitting Rules, Policies & Procedures

To apply for and be granted a Village of Lakewood Lake Access Right of Way (LAROW) permit all applicants must understand and comply with the following rules, policies and procedures.

Applicants must be residents of the Village of Lakewood. For the purposes of all Lake Access Right of Way (LAROW) applications the term “resident” shall mean any person who is either a full-time resident, a part-time seasonal resident or a property owner in the Village of Lakewood.

Applications for LAROW dock permits are only accepted by the Clerk’s office of the Village of Lakewood between March 1st and May 1st of any given year. LAROW applications will be dated and/or timed stamped when received and this time stamp will determine the order in which LAROW applications are reviewed. LAROW permits a valid for one year.

All LAROW applications are subject to review and approval by the Village of Lakewood Board of Trustees.

Only one dock per LAROW agreement is permitted in any given year. The village will not issue more than one permit for any Lake Access ROW. The permit holder from the previous year will have 1st rights in the succeeding year for obtaining the dock permit if application is submitted before May 1st of the succeeding year. If for any reason a LAROW Dock Permit holder does not install his/her dock as permitted, the permit holder forfeits his/her 1st rights for the following year.

Applicants must understand and acknowledge that the primary purpose of the Village of Lakewood lake access right of ways (LAROW) is to permit village emergency access to the lake. It is the intent of the Village of Lakewood Board of Trustees to preserve this primary purpose and authorize police, fire, and EMS to do whatever they deem necessary in an emergency at any LAROW location to ensure public safety.

LAROW Dock Permits issued by the Village of Lakewood are not transferable, assignable, or otherwise offered to anyone other than the resident permittee.

The LAROW Dock Permitting Program does not apply to any Village of Lakewood Parks.

Complaints regarding the inappropriate or unsafe use of the LAROW or the approved dock will be forwarded to the Village of Lakewood Code Enforcement Officer or L.B.P.D. for investigation and review, and possible civil court proceedings and/or fines.

Violation of any of the provisions of a LAROW Dock Permit or of the appropriate use of the LAROW will be determined solely by the Village of Lakewood Board of Trustees after consultation with the Village of Lakewood Code Enforcement Officer.

The Lakewood Village Board of Trustees reserves the right to **review exceptions, modify, suspend, or revoke** any LAROW dock permit, LAROW dock permit application, or LAROW Rules, Policies & Procedures at any time.

The applicant is required to attach and file with his/her application a certificate of liability insurance in the amount of no less than \$300,000.00 specifying the Village of Lakewood as additional insured. Applicants must understand that they will be held primarily liable for any and all injury to any person or persons arising from any use of the dock.

The applicant also must notify their insurance company that the dock will be located on one of the Village of Lakewood's LAROWs, and as such, the dock is an extension of Lakewood public property and any individual has access to the dock for safe and appropriate use.

The applicant must attach to his/her application a detailed site plan and map specifying the location, length, width, and configuration of the proposed dock extending from the LAROW. The site plan shall include the location and size of any boats and/or boat lifts located adjacent to the LAROW Dock. The dock placement and/or boat lifts shall not be placed outside of the LAROW boundaries on either side of the LAROW.

Once submitted to the Village Clerk's Office, no LAROW site plan may be modified. Should a modification be desired, the applicant must start the LAROW Dock Permit approval process again with a new initial submission date.

Docks shall not be installed into the lake prior to the approval of the LAROW application by the Village of Lakewood Board of Trustees. Failure to comply with this provision will result in removal of the dock by the Village of Lakewood at the dock owner's expense, as well as the possibility of additional fines and the denial of a LAROW dock permit for the current year. All docks must be installed no later than July 1st. and removed no later than November 1st. Any exemption to this must be approved by the Village of Lakewood Board of Trustees. (ex: temporarily removed during the summer for repairs due to storm damage.)

All LAROW docks should be installed to either the far right or far left of the defined right of way area, when feasible, and must be securely installed and connected to the shore.

Approved applicants must store his/her approved dock neatly and utilize the least amount of LAROW space as possible (without compromising safety) on one side of the LAROW from no earlier than September 1st through no later than July 1st of the following year. However, if the following year another applicant is approved for a dock permit on the LAROW, the previous year's applicant must remove the dock from the LAROW no later than June 1st. Failure to do so will result in the Village of Lakewood removing the dock at the dock owner's expense.

Applicants must ensure that no watercraft of any kind shall be moored overnight on the LAROW dock unless approved by the Village Board of Trustees. Applicants shall abide by applicable sections of the New York State Navigation Law including, but not limited to, Section 32.

The number of boats and/or boat lifts to be located adjacent to the LAROW dock will be determined and reviewed for approval by the Village of Lakewood Board of Trustees on a LAROW by LAROW basis.

Applicants must understand that posts, chains, ropes, watercraft, barriers, and signage of any kind are strictly prohibited from the LAROW and the dock. Removal of such materials will be done by the Village Code Enforcement Officer and/or employees of the Village of Lakewood Highway Department at the dock permit applicant's expense. The Village of Lakewood is authorized to place appropriate signage on the LAROW.