



ORDINANCE NO. 2022-0001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF NORTH TOPSAIL BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TABLE 4-1 AND § 4.03.23 DOCKS, PIERS AND FLOATING WALKWAYS AND AMENDING THE CAMA LAND USE PLAN ADOPTING A POLICY STATEMENT TO PROHIBIT UNENCAPSULATED POLYSTYRENE DOCKS.

WHEREAS, during a coastal debris cleanup sponsored by the Coastal Federation, large quantities of polystyrene were found in all areas of our waters and marshlands along our coast. Polystyrene is a petroleum product, commonly known as Styrofoam. It is often used in dock floats because of its buoyancy; and

WHEREAS, polystyrene is neither readily recyclable nor biodegradable and takes hundreds of years to degrade in the environment. When exposed to the elements, it fragments into unsightly, small, nonbiodegradable pieces that may be ingested by marine life, wild and domestic water birds and other wildlife blocking the digestive system and killing them through starvation; and

WHEREAS, the deterioration of larger polystyrene floats into beads and smaller pieces create a pollution line along shorelines, intertidal land and other places where buoyant debris collects. Such pollution must be picked up and removed at the expense of the public and private citizens; and

WHEREAS, to prevent such degradation, pollution and hazard to water dependent mammals and birds, polystyrene floats should be encapsulated in a hard polyethylene shell, which prevents the deterioration and spread of beads and smaller sections of polystyrene floats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the North Topsail Beach Board of Aldermen that the Unified Development Ordinance Table 4-1 and § 4.03.23 Docks, Piers And Floating Walkways and the CAMA Land Use Plan is hereby amended subsequent to read as follows:

Table 4-1 Use Table

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<i>Use</i>	<i>MHR</i>	<i>R5</i>	<i>R8</i>	<i>R10</i>	<i>R15</i>	<i>R20</i>	<i>RA</i>	<i>COND</i>	<i>B1</i>	<i>B2</i>	<i>Use Specific Standard</i>
Dock, pier (accessory, principal.)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	4.03.23

^add floating walkways

§ 4.03 USE SPECIFIC STANDARDS.

§ 4.03.23 Docks, Piers And Floating Walkways


Unencapsulated polystyrene as a floatation device for floating dock systems, piers and floating walkways is prohibited.

And that the CAMA Land Use Plan be amended to include the following policy statement:

The use of unencapsulated polystyrene as a flotation device for floating dock systems and floating walkways is prohibited for use in the coastal waters and marshes within the Town of North Topsail Beach.

This ordinance is effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 6th day of July 2022.


Joann McDermon, Mayor

ATTEST:


Melinda Mier, Town Clerk