



BUILDING OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION 2018-12
September 29, 2021

CODE/EDITION: VIRGINIA UNIFORM STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE 2018

SECTION(S): Section 108.1 Application for Permit

QUESTION/ANSWER:

1. Does the demolition and construction of piers, wharves and boat docks require a Building Permit?

Yes.

The VUSBC requires the issuance of a building permit prior to “constructing, enlarging, altering, repairing or demolishing a building or a structure.”

The Building Code defines a structure as “an assembly of materials forming a construction for use including stadiums, gospel and circus tents...trestles, piers, wharves, swimming pools, amusement devices, storage bins and other structures of this general nature.”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric M. Mays".

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