

## Dock Use Area

LMCD ordinances provide for many of the Lake Minnetonka rules and regulations, which can be found on the LMCD's website at [www.lmcd.org](http://www.lmcd.org), under "Rules and Regulations." Chapter 2 outlines the rules governing the area and number of which docks and boat storage are allowed. A brief description of those rules is provided below. Additionally, the LMCD encourages you to know local and state laws, as well.

### DUA Length (measured from the 929.4 NGVD)

The length of a dock use area is equal to the property shoreline frontage width, with a **maximum** of 100 foot dock length.

Sites in existence on February 5, 1970 with a lake frontage of 40-60 feet may have a dock extending up to 60 feet into the lake.

Sites in existence on February 5, 1970 with lake frontage of 40 feet or less may extend to reach a water depth of 4 feet (not to extend beyond 60 feet).

### DUA Width portion within setbacks measured from extended side property lines into the lake.

For that portion of the length or authorized dock use area which extends from the shore:

0 - 50 feet	10 foot setback
50 - 100 feet	15 foot setback

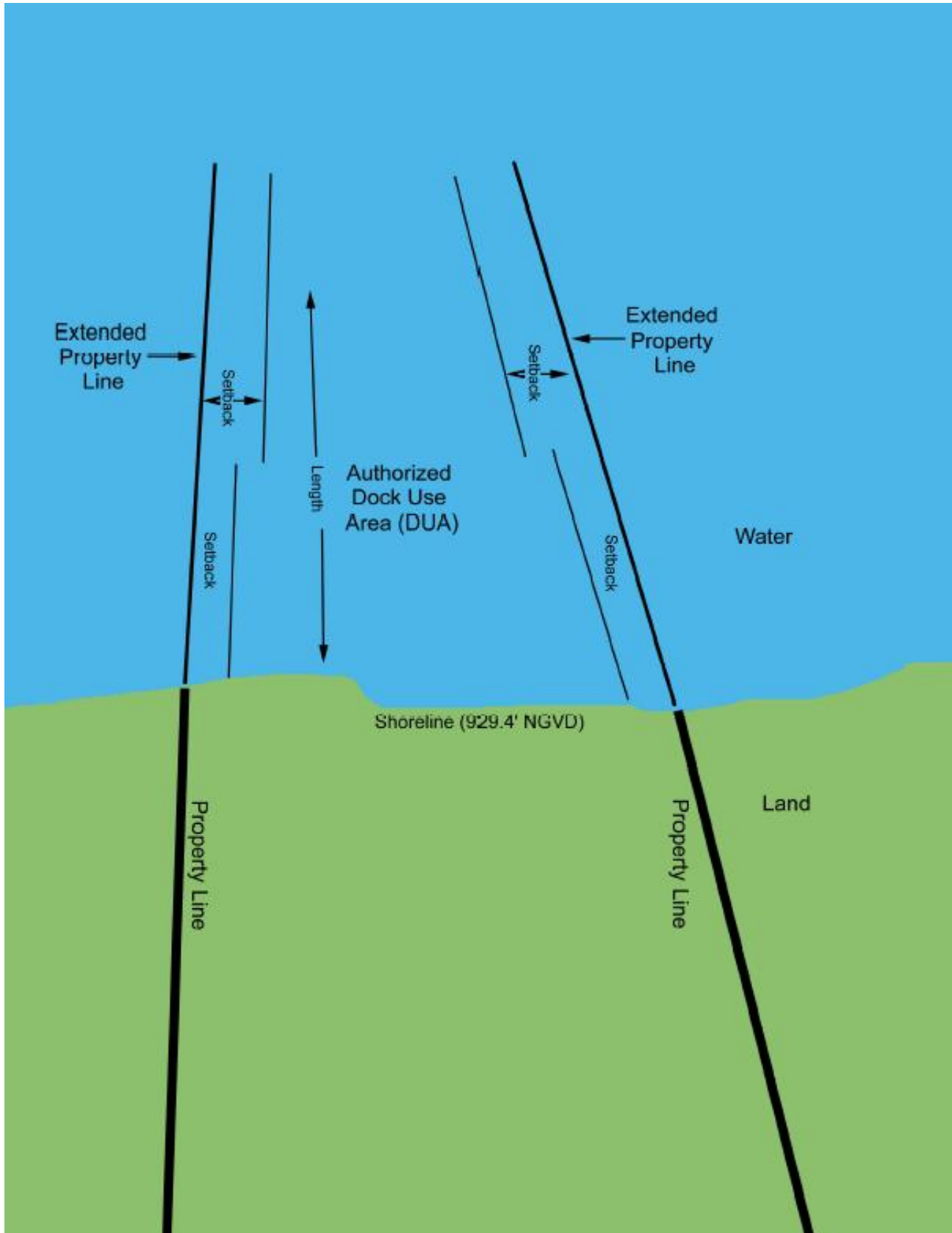
**Canopies require a 20-foot setback from the extended property line**

- ❖ Side opening slip (Boat parked parallel to shore) setback shall be at least equal to the slip depth (not less than 20 feet).
- ❖ Lots with 50 feet or less of shoreline in existence on February 2, 1970, qualify for a 5 foot setback, providing it in no way impairs access to neighboring docks.

### Dock Structure

- ❖ May exceed 8 feet, excluding posts, in either its length or width, but not both.
  - ❖ Permanent docks require a permit from the LMCD.

# Example of Dock Use Area



# Watercraft Density Restrictions

## What is a restricted watercraft?

A restricted watercraft is defined as any boat or vessel for use on or stored on the public waters on the lake except for unrestricted watercraft. An unrestricted watercraft is defined as a boat or vessel that is:

- 1) 16' or less in length and has no motor; or
- 2) 16' or less in length and has a motor of 10 horsepower or less, as rated by the manufacturer at the time of manufacturer, whether or not the motor is operational; or
- 3) 20' or less in length and has no motor, and that is propelled solely by human power.

Most personal watercraft (Jet Ski, Wave Runner, or similar) would qualify as a restricted watercraft (due to horsepower). A sailboat longer than 16' (motorized or un-motorized) would also qualify as a restricted watercraft.

## How many boats can I store?

LMCD ordinances regulate the number of restricted watercraft that may be stored within a Dock Use Area at a residential site. In summary, Section 2.02 provides for:

- Subd. 1: The General Rule is one restricted watercraft for each 50' (1:50') of continuous shoreline; without reference to the owners being residents of the site; or
- Subd. 2: Unless a greater number is allowed by the 1:50' General Rule, up to two restricted watercraft may be moored or docked at any dock or mooring facility on a residential site in existence on August 30, 1978; without regard to the owners being residents of the site; or
- Subd. 3 (a-c): Unless a greater number is allowed by the 1:50' General Rule, up to four restricted watercraft may be moored or docked at a dock or mooring area at a site, provided a number of conditions are met. One of these conditions includes all restricted watercraft must be owned by and registered to persons who live in the one residential structure on the site.
- Subd. 4: Docks and mooring areas lawfully in existence on 5/3/78 may continue provided the number of restricted watercraft does not exceed the number moored or docked on 5/3/78. Restrictions apply, one of which is to secure a non-conforming use permit.

In order to store five or more restricted watercraft, a multiple dock license would need to be approved by the LMCD Board of Directors (Code Section 2.03), based on a minimum of 226' of shoreline.

**Communication to your local municipality on your boat storage needs is highly recommended as the most restrictive Ordinance applies.**