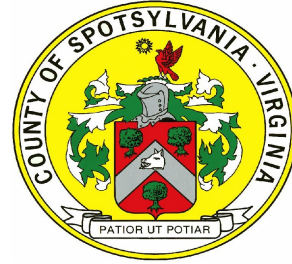


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INFORMATION NOTICE

Steps for Applying for a No Wake Buoy Request in Spotsylvania County

Each applicant must submit a separate letter explaining the “need” for a no-wake buoy(s). The importance of the letter cannot be overemphasized. The letter must provide a detailed explanation justifying the need for a buoy(s). State law does not permit the placement of a no-wake buoy simply because someone wants to slow down boat traffic. The County’s primary concern, when reviewing an application, relates to the issue of potential wake hazards and public safety.

All correspondence referenced to the application must be addressed to DWR, (Department of Wildlife Resources), Boating Coordinator. However, **local regulations require the application and all accompanying documentation be initially forwarded to the County Zoning Administrator.** The administrator reviews the application schedules an inspection of the buoy site by boat, if determined necessary. A copy of the application forwarded to the Lake Anna Advisory Committee, Navigation Subcommittee, the Board of Supervisor’s member representing the voting district for the request, and the County Administrator, along with the request for an independent buoy recommendation. The County will also send a public notification letter to all nearby property owners. The administrator reviews all documentation pertaining to buoy applications and makes an approval/denial recommendation to DWR. The administrator may modify an application. However, no modification recommendation will be submitted to DWR without prior notification to the applicant.

DWR requires the applicant to furnish the nautical latitude and longitude coordinates for the proposed buoy(s).

As previously indicated, DWR requires a buoy location chart to be submitted with the application. The GPS coordinates should be noted on the chart. The chart should also contain the distance measurements between the proposed buoy(s) and several nearby reference points (docks, homes, or other nearby landmarks).

Please note that the proposed buoy (s) should be located within a reasonable distance of the shoreline and must not present a danger to watercraft.

The County is willing to assist applicants in their public notice responsibilities. The County Planning-Zoning Department will identify all nearby property owners and send

the required notification letters. The notice will advise nearby property owners of the application and give the property owners the opportunity to make comments about the request. Applicants are encouraged to contact all nearby property owners and discuss the merits of the application. Area support for the request is important to the approval process.

A non-refundable zoning fee and permit-processing fee is required at the time the application, and is submitted to the Planning-Zoning Department. The fees are listed on the Buoy application.

A County staff member will arrange to meet the applicant, at a convenient time, and inspect the buoy location, if necessary. Applicants who cannot meet with the County staff may make arrange for a telephone conversation to discuss the application. The Lake Anna Advisory Committee may also visit the proposed buoy site and attempt to make contact with the applicant. DWR will review all County reports and make an independent decision as to the final approval/denial of the application.

Please note that the application for no-wake buoy(s) and all required attachments **must be processed through the County Planning-Zoning Department**. As previously indicated, it is extremely important for an applicant to accurately identify their safety concerns and justify the buoy (s) placement. Please note that all proposed buoy locations should be within a reasonable distance of the shoreline.