

**US Army Corps of Engineers  
SAVANNAH DISTRICT**

**SHORELINE USE PERMIT/LICENSE AT J. STROM THURMOND LAKE**

## **A Guide To Applicants**

**INTRODUCTION**The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers welcomes you to J. Strom Thurmond Project. Constructed by the Corps in 1954, the project has become one of the most popular federally operated facilities in the nation. The Corps of Engineers has been delegated authority by Congress to manage and regulate public use of the lake. As part of its management program, the Corps may issue permits to install minor private facilities on certain public lands and waters.

Permit/Licenses are issued for a maximum of five years and are nontransferable. They grant no real estate rights nor convey any private exclusive use privileges on government property. J. Strom Thurmond Lake's shoreline is open to use by the general public.

This guide contains helpful information on how to apply for a "Shoreline Use Permit/License".

### **WHO MAY APPLY**

Individuals who own property adjacent to public lands and share a common boundary line with the Corps of Engineers may apply for a Shoreline Use Permit/License. The adjacent land must be a buildable lot, as required by the county. The type of items that may be permitted is based on the zoning of the shoreline adjacent to this shared common boundary line. First-time applicants for new facilities must meet on-site with a Ranger.

**HOW TO APPLY**Contact the Corps Operations Project Manager's Office at 800/533-3478 and request an appointment with the Shoreline Ranger responsible for your area of the lake.

The Ranger will meet with you at the property to discuss Shoreline Management policies. You will be given an application packet to complete and return to the J. Strom Thurmond Project Office for review and consideration. Final approval will not be given until the Natural Resource Manager reviews and issues the permit. Once the permit is approved, a permit tag will be mailed to the permittee. This tag must be displayed on the outside of the dock or along the shoreline if a dock is not present.

### **WHAT TO FILE**

- One (1) completed original application.
  - One (1) copy of your property deed or closing statement. (Note: Must be signed and notarized.)
  - One (1) copy of engineered dock drawings displaying dimensions or plans from a dock builder with dock plans on file.
  - Community dock agreement with each members name (if applicable)
  - Electrical certification statement (after installation/upon reauthorization)
  - Check Payable to F & A Officer for the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ **Note all needed information must be submitted at the same time. Partial or incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

### **WHERE TO FILE**

J. Strom Thurmond Project,  
ATTN: Shoreline Section  
Rt. 1 Box 12  
Clarks Hill, South Carolina 29821  
Telephone: 800-533-3478

**WHAT FACILITIES MAY BE AUTHORIZED**

<u>FACILITY TYPE</u>	<u>5 YEAR RATE</u>	<u>FACILITY TYPE</u>	<u>5 YEAR RATE</u>
Floating Facility .....	\$30.00	Water Line.....	\$35.00
Underbrushing with dock.....	No Fee	Improved Walkways.....	\$50.00
Underbrushing alone.....	10.00	Shoreline Protection.....	No Fee
Electric Line .....	\$35.00		
(requires electric certification)			

- RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

**HOW TO MODIFY THE PERMIT**

Modification to any part of the permit requires prior approval of the Natural Resource Manager. A site review is generally required. Contact your Ranger for additional information.

**RENEWAL OF PERMITS**

Permit renewals are normally processed automatically. Please keep your mailing address current.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Regulations governing the use of J. Strom Thurmond Lake are established in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Part 327. Copies are available at the J. Strom Thurmond Project Office.

**NOTE**

Any type of work or installation of facilities on public property must be pre-approved by the Natural Resource Manager. A permit must be issued prior to any work being done on public property. To protect and properly manage J. Strom Thurmond Project's land and water resources the following acts are PROHIBITED:

- Planting of non-native and ornamental vegetation.
- Removal of trees or vegetation.
- Storage of personal items (such as swings, picnic tables, benches, storage sheds, boat trailers, etc) on public land.
- Grading, leveling, or digging.

A violation of the provisions of the regulations shall subject the violator to a fine as defined in CFR Title 36 of not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. In addition, any or all parts of the permit may be terminated.

**PROCESSING THE APPLICATION**

It will take approximately 2 to 4 weeks to evaluate and process your application. Much of this time depends on the accuracy and completeness of your application. Be sure to check all application requirements prior to mailing.

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