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**BUILDING OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION 2003-02**  
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**CODE/EDITION:** VIRGINIA UNIFORM STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE/2003

**SECTION(S):** VUSBC, Section 108 Application for Permit

**QUESTION:**

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

**ANSWER:**

1. 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.”

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