



HIGHLAND BEACH BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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PLANNING BOARD STAFF REPORT

MEETING OF: **June 12, 2025**

TO: **PLANNING BOARD**

FROM: **INGRID ALLEN, TOWN PLANNER**

SUBJECT: **APPLICATION BY ILEEN GONZALEZ, BREEZY PERMITS LLC,
REQUESTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO INSTALL A 100
LINEAR FOOT SEAWALL AND ASSOCIATED SEAWALL CAP,
AND A 200 SQUARE FOOT DOCK FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED
AT 4301 TRANQUILITY DRIVE. (APPLICATION NO. PZ-25-27)**

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Applicant (Property Owner): Gail Palestrini
4301 Tranquility Drive
Highland Beach, FL 33487

Applicant's Agent: Ileen Gonzalez
Breezy Permits
128 E. Central Blvd.
Lantana, Fl. 33462

Property Characteristics:

Comprehensive Plan Land Use: Single Family
Zoning District: Residential Single Family (RS)
Parcel Control Number: 24-43-47-04-02-003-0220
Site Location: 4301 Tranquility Drive

Request and Analysis:

The Applicant is requesting a special exception to install a 100 linear foot seawall and associated seawall cap, and a 200 square foot dock. The seawall is to be installed no more than 18 inches

waterward of the existing seawall. The Applicant is proposing to remove the current wood dock and replace it with a new 200 square foot wood dock.

The Applicant has obtained Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) authorization for the above-referenced dock (FDEP File No. 50-454157-001,002, 003-EE). According to the FDEP authorization (dated January 29, 2025), a separate authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is not required. Note that the plans the Applicant submitted to FDEP indicate a seawall elevation of 6.17 feet NAVD which is not in compliance with Section 6-128(b) of the Town Code as noted below. The Applicant has provided email correspondence from FDEP indicating that the change in elevation is still covered under their January 29, 2025 letter (see attached).

Pursuant to Section 6-128(b) of the Town Code, all seawalls west of State Road A1A shall be at Base Flood Elevation (BFE) or higher as provided by the FEMA FIRM maps. The current BFE for the property is 7 feet, the elevation of the proposed seawall is 7.17 feet NAVD.

Pursuant to Section 30-68(g)(6)d.1. of the Town Code, single family zoned districts require a 25 foot accessory marine facility side yard setback if the lot width is 70 feet or greater. The proposed request is in compliance with the latter setback.

Section 30-67(b) of the Town Code indicates that seawalls and docks require special exception approval by the Planning Board. Section 30-36(a) of the Town code states that the Planning Board may approve, approve with conditions, or deny a request for special exception relating to accessory marine facilities.

If the Planning Board approves the request, the Applicant will be required to obtain a building permit from the Town of Highland Beach Building Department following such approval and prior to initiation of construction. Pursuant to Section 30-21(g) of the Town Code, commencement of construction shall be initiated within two (2) years following the date of approval by the Planning Board.

Staff reviewed the Applicant's proposed request to include plan set, date stamped received by the Building Department on May 28, 2025 and finds that it is consistent with the special exception provisions of Section 30-36 of the Town Code, were applicable, and consistent with the Town Comprehensive Plan and Code of Ordinances.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (561) 637-2012 or iallen@highlandbeach.us

**Attachments: Application
Aerials
FDEP approval
Applicant Plans (11X17)**