

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT
AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

The City of Waveland has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Act, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

The applicant is proposing to construct a sidewalk and ramp on the west side of the Garfield Ladner Pier. The goal of the project is to allow access to the waterfront for people in wheelchairs. The project is located on North Beach Boulevard, Waveland, Hancock County, MS. The sidewalk will be constructed of concrete on the sand beach. The proposed 12.5-foot-wide concrete pathway will be approximately 232 feet long. At the parking lot, the finished surface will have the same elevation as the top of the parking lot. It will slope 2% toward the beach and extend into the water approximately 60 feet. The applicant is requesting a variance from Chapter 8, Section 2, Part III.O.1 of the Mississippi Coastal Program (MCP) which states: "Permanent filling of coastal wetlands because of potential adverse and cumulative environmental impacts is discouraged", and to Miss. Admin. Code Title 22, Part 23, Chapter 8, Section 114.01 which states, "Permanent filling of coastal wetlands below the mean high tide line because of potential adverse and cumulative environmental impacts is not authorized", and has justified these requests under Chapter 8, Section 2, Part I.E.2.c. of the MCP and Miss. Admin. Code Title 22, Part 23, Chapter 8, Section 118 by stating that There is a significant public benefit and the public will be notified and a hearing will be held. This public notice, project diagrams, and a copy of the full project application may be accessed on MDMR's website at.

<http://dmr.ms.gov/index.php/coastal-resources-management/wetland-permitting>. A copy can also be mailed upon request.

In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341), as amended by PL 95-217, the applicant will request certification from the Office of

Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313), Section 306 (U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.

Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources by mail to 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 before 1:00 p.m. on the day October 29. A public hearing will be held at City Hall at 301 Coleman Ave, Waveland, MS 39576 at 5:30 p.m. on the day October 29, 2019.