



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: October 18, 2022

TITLE: Resolution Approving an Application from Rahn Bahia Mar L.L.C. to
Permit the Use of a Floating Structure as a Place of Business –
(Commission District 2)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a Resolution approving an application from Rahn Bahia Mar L.L.C. to permit the use of a floating structure as a place of business.

Background

The applicant is seeking a resolution granting usage of a floating structure as a place of business in accordance with Section 8-146 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida at the southeast corner of Bahia Mar Marina located at 801 Seabreeze Boulevard. Pursuant to Code Sec. 8-146(a) the applicant is prohibited from operating a floating business within the city without approval of the City Commission. In determining whether or not to grant such approval, the City Commission shall consider the following:

- (1) The adequacy of provisions by the applicant for observation of all health and sanitary regulations of the City;
- (2) The level of noise to be generated by the proposed business operation;
- (3) The number of patrons, customers or clients expected to travel to and from floating business and the availability of sufficient parking facilities therefore;
- (4) The recommendation of the Marine Advisory Board; and
- (5) Whether the proposed facility will tend to enhance the appearance of the City's waterways and promote the City's image as a family-oriented resort area.

After adoption by the City Commission of a Resolution granting approval to permit usage of a boat as a place of business under City Code Sec. 8-146 (a), City staff must further review the application under Code Sec. 8-146 (b), for additional considerations

addressing compliance with Florida Building Code, National Fire Prevention Act, Building Code Safety Standards, Electrical Requirements, Fuel Gas Piping, Moorage Berths Connection, and Fire Protection.

The Marine Advisory Board recommended unanimous approval 8 to 0 of the application (see Exhibit 3).

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2022 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Parks and Public Places initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, waterways, parks and open spaces for everyone

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Here.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Element
- Goal 1: Be a community where persons of all ages are able to partake in a fun and healthy lifestyle.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Here.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Application

Exhibit 2 – Code Sec. 8 – 146

Exhibit 3 – September 1, 2022 Marine Advisory Board Minutes

Exhibit 4 – Approval Resolution

Exhibit 5 – Denial Resolution

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