



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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: October 7, 2014

TITLE: Quasi-Judicial/Public Hearing/Resolution granting a Waiver of Limitations
for Grand Birch, LLC / 321 N. Birch Road via ULDR Sections D and E.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a Resolution granting a Waiver of Limitations for (i) the installation of three (3) triple pile mooring clusters and (ii) nine (9) mooring piles for Grand Birch, LLC, located at 321 N. Birch Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Background

The applicant is seeking a resolution granting a Waiver of Limitations (a waiver to allow a dock and mooring structures to extend beyond the maximum distance as defined by City Code) of the Unified Land and Development Regulations (ULDR) Sec 47-19.3 D for the installation of (i) three (3) triple-pile mooring clusters and (ii) nine (9) mooring piles extending a maximum of 75 feet from the upland property line into the Intracoastal Waterway. Although there is not a fee associated with obtaining a Waiver of Limitations, an application fee in the amount of \$300.00 is required. The applicant's narrative specifies that the additional distance for these mooring structures is necessary to properly protect, stabilize and secure vessels from strong currents, storm events, and excessive wakes.

The Marine Advisory Board recommended approval of the application (11:1) (see **Exhibit 3**).

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact in the amount of \$300.

Strategic Connections

This item is a Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative, included within the **Public Places Cylinder of Excellence**, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 3:** Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas and parks.

- **Objective 1:** Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks, and open spaces for everyone.
- **Initiative 3:** Evaluate dock availability to complement our public places

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Community*.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Application

Exhibit 2 – Code Sec. 47 – 19.3

Exhibit 3 – July 15, 2014 Marine Advisory Board Minutes

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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