



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#25-0456**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** May 6, 2025

**TITLE:** Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving a Waiver of  
Limitations at 155 Isle of Venice #501 for an existing 16'L x 16'W four (4)  
post boat lift extending a maximum of 33.57' +/- into the adjacent Rio Grande  
Canal - (Commission District 2)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a Resolution granting a Waiver of Limitations for an existing 16'L x 16'W four (4) post boat lift extending to a maximum of 33.57' +/- into the adjacent Rio Grande Canal.

**Background**

The applicant is seeking a resolution granting a Waiver of Limitations (a waiver to allow a mooring structure to extend beyond the maximum distance as defined by City Code) of Section 47-19.3 (c) of the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) for an existing boat lift (after the fact) extending a maximum distance of +/-33.57' into the adjacent Rio Grande Canal, +/- 8.57' beyond the 25' maximum extension. The waterway is +/- 170' wide at the site.

The application's summary description specifies that the structure is necessary to safely moor the resident's vessel, especially during high wind events and severe weather. In addition, the boat lift was installed +/- 8.57' beyond the 25' permitted to allow for sufficient clearance due to shallow water conditions immediately adjacent to the dock. The project received approval from the Broward County Environmental Permitting Division (FDEP Permit No: 060450350-001, License No: GL-FTL2406-016). In addition, the applicant went through the City of Fort Lauderdale Development Review Committee (DRC) approval process to obtain a building permit (DRC Approval UDPS24052, City Permit BLD-BDSP-24070348).

Other than the required \$1,500 application fee, there is no fee associated with obtaining a Waiver of Limitations.

The Marine Advisory Board (MAB) recommended approval of the application 10-0 at the March 6, 2025, MAB meeting.

**Resource Impact**

Revenue related to the application fee is included in the FY 2025 Operating Budget in the account listed below.

<i>Funds available as of April 16, 2025</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT/ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-6060-000-347-200-PKR189	Marine Facilities Administration	Service Charge – Parks and Recreation / Private Dock Fees	\$57,000	\$31,500	\$1,500
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>					<b>\$1,500</b>

**Strategic Connections**

This is a 2025 Commission Priority, advancing Public Spaces and Community initiatives.

This item supports the 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

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

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Area
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our city.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Application

Exhibit 2 – Code Sec. 47-19.3

Exhibit 3 – March 6, 2025, Marine Advisory Board Minutes

Exhibit 4 – Approval Resolution

Exhibit 5 – Denial Resolution

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