



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

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

DATE: July 7, 2015

TITLE: Motion granting a Water Taxi License for Riverfront Cruises and
Anticipation Yacht Charters LLC.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a motion granting a Water Taxi License for Riverfront Cruises and Anticipation Yacht Charters LLC.

Background

The applicants are seeking a motion granting a Water Taxi License (to operate a vessel upon the inland waterways within the City, transporting one or more passengers for a fare, and which is controlled by a person or firm in the business of offering waterborne public transportation) via Section 8-146.1 of the City Code of Ordinances for two Water Taxi vessels. A fee of \$100.00 per Water Taxi vessel is required every two years.

The Marine Advisory Board has recommended approval of the application by a vote of 13 to1 (Exhibit 3).

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact in the amount of \$200.

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 – Section 8-146.1, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale

Exhibit 3 – April 2, 2015 Marine Advisory Board Minutes

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