



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

**#23-0401**

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

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** May 16, 2023

**TITLE:** Second Reading - Ordinance Amending Section 8-91 Mooring Structures -  
**(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt on second reading an amendment to the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances reflecting a definition change in Section 8-91 (a) (2) *Mooring Structures* to ensure consistency with definitions in the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR), Sections 47-19.3 (a) (1) and (2) *Boat slips, docks, boat davits, hoists and similar mooring structures*.

**Background**

On March 23, 2023 (CAM 23-0168), the City of Fort Lauderdale Commission adopted amendments to ULDR Section 47-19.3 *Boat slips, docks, boat davits, hoists and similar mooring structures* including modification of the definitions of mooring device and mooring structure. To ensure consistency of definitions across the code, Section 8-91 (a)(2) *Mooring Structures* also needs to be modified. The Commission approved these amendments on first reading on April 18, 2023 (CAM 23-0342).

The ordinance (Exhibit 1) being proposed includes the following key modifications:

- (1) Mooring devices ~~means a subset of~~ are devices attached to mooring structures as defined herein, including boat davits, hoists, boat lifts and similar items. ~~devices that are erected on or adjacent to a seawall or dock and upon which a vessel can be moored. A mooring device does not include docks, slips, seawall or mooring pile.~~
  
- (2) Mooring structure means a dock, marginal dock, ~~slip~~, seawall, ~~boat davit, hoist, boat lift~~, mooring pile, finger pier, or a similar structure attached to land more or less permanently to which a vessel can be moored.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *2022 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective: Reduce flooding and adapt to sea level rise.

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

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Climate Change Element
- Goal 2: Achieve a climate-resilient community through the protection and adaptation of public infrastructure, services, and natural resources from adverse climate change impacts.

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance

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