



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#13-0456

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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: April 2, 2013

TITLE: Public Hearing/Resolution approving a Waiver of Limitations for 785
Middle River Drive LLC/Sean Tanner/ 785 Middle River Drive via ULDR
Sec. 47 -19.3 D & E

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing after the fact Waiver of Limitations of two existing mooring pile clusters at 785 Middle River Drive.

Background

The applicant is seeking a resolution authorizing after the fact approval of two existing mooring pile clusters, extending 40 feet into the Middle River, which were installed prior to applicant's purchase of this property at 785 Middle River Drive (Exhibit 1), and resulted in an existing Code violation. While the mooring pile clusters exceed 25 feet, they will be less than 30% of the width of the waterway and will not impede local navigation. Although there is not a fee associated with obtaining a waiver of limitations, an application fee in the amount of \$300 is required. The applicant's narrative specifies that the additional distance of these piles is necessary for safely mooring vessels during inclement weather, wake, and surge.

The City's Unified Land and Development Regulations (UDLR), Section 47-19.3.D limits the maximum distance of dolphin or mooring pilings to 30% of the width of the waterway, or 25 feet, whichever is less. Section 47.19.3.E authorizes the City Commission to waive this limitation based upon a finding of extraordinary circumstances.

The Marine Advisory Board recommended approval of the application unanimously (12:0) (Exhibit 3).

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Application (unanimously approved by Marine Advisory Board 3/7/13)

Exhibit 2 – Code Sec. 47-19.3

Exhibit 3 – 3/7/13 Marine Advisory Board Draft Minutes

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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