CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo **#26-0135**
REGULAR MEETING

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: March 3, 2026

TITLE: Resolution Approving an Application for a Dock Permit for Usage of Public Property by Garrin and Ana Paula Rose, adjacent to 701 Cordova Road, for a Proposed Wood Marginal Dock and Authorizing Execution of a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants – **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt a resolution (1) granting a dock permit, for use by private persons of public property, adjacent to 701 Cordova Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL for a proposed seventy-five feet (75') long by seven feet and four inch (7'4") wide wood marginal dock, elevator boat lift, and access steps and (2) authorizing execution of a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants relative to the dock permit. Pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida (Code), Section 8-144, the City Commission may grant a dock permit for the use by private persons of certain public property abutting or touching a waterway, except at street ends or within a City park.

Background

The applicant is seeking a resolution granting a dock permit for use by private persons of public property in accordance with Section 8-144 of the Code for the use, repair and maintenance of a proposed marginal dock, boat lift and access steps adjacent to 701 Cordova Road. The proposed dock is a seventy-five feet (75') long by seven feet and four inch (7'4") wide wood marginal dock that includes access steps. Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) 47-19(c) allows for mooring structures, including docks, to extend to no more than twenty-five feet (25') or twenty-five percent (25%) of the width of the waterway, whichever is less. With a canal width of eighty-one feet (81') feet the elevator boat lift remains with both the twenty-five feet (25') and twenty-five percent (25%) of the width of the waterway requirement under ULDR 47-19.3(c) and therefore does not need a waiver of limitations under ULDR 47-19.3(e).

Per Resolution No. 19-205, an application fee of $1,500 is associated with obtaining a dock permit. The property is located within the Rio Vista Isles RS-8 Residential Low Density Zoning District. The dock area is directly adjacent to the Rio Cordova Canal with direct access to the Intracoastal Waterway.

Pursuant to Code Section 8-144(1)(a) the applicant is required to execute a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants relative to the Dock Permit, to ensure compliance with the rules set forth within the Code. The resolution authorizes the proper City officials to countersign the Declaration. As a requirement of City Code Section 8-144, approval of the application is contingent upon all improvements to the property being maintained in accordance with City Engineering standards and in full compliance with building and zoning regulations including construction permits required for any future electrical and water feed to the property.

Other than the required $1,500 application fee, there is no fee associated with obtaining a dock permit.

The Marine Advisory Board (MAB) recommended approval of the application 14 - 0 at the January 7, 2026, MAB meeting.

Resource Impact

Revenue related to the application fee is included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget in the account listed below.

Funds available as of January 22, 2026					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME (Program)**	**ACCOUNT/ ACTIVITY NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-111-6201-000-347-200-PKR189	Marine Facilities Administration	Service Charge – Parks and Recreation / Private Dock Fees	$15,000	$0	$1,500
			TOTAL AMOUNT ►		$1,500

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Spaces and Community Initiatives.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale* 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. 8-144
Exhibit 3 – January 7, 2026, Marine Advisory Board Draft Minutes
Exhibit 4 – Approval Resolution
Exhibit 5 – Denial Resolution
Exhibit 6 – Declaration of Restrictive Covenants

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