



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

#19-0267

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: September 3, 2019

TITLE: Resolution Establishing Application Fees for Dock Permits Issued under
Section 8-144 Private Use of Public Property Abutting Waterways –
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a Resolution establishing the application fees for dock permits issued under Section 8-144 Private Use of Public Property Abutting Waterways at \$1,500 effective September 1, 2019.

Background

Section 8-144 Private Use of Public Property Abutting Waterways of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale allows neighbors to construct private docks adjacent to public seawalls. The established application process requires technical and legal review of documents, presentation of the application to the Marine Advisory Board for recommendation, drafting of a dock permit resolution, and presentation to the City Commission for approval, and recording of the resolution. The law in Florida allows a reasonable application fee that may be charged in an amount sufficient to bear the expense of issuing the permit and include the costs of administration of the permit once granted.

The current administrative fee of \$300 for the dock permit application does not cover the City's costs to process the application. Based on a review of the staff resources, an application fee of \$1,500 is recommended. In addition, a number of dock permit holders on Cordova Road will be required to resubmit full applications due to the removal of their docks associated with the reconstruction of the City seawall at that location and amendment of the terms and conditions of the dock permit under Section 8-144. As such, a discounted rate for existing valid permit holders throughout the City is recommended in the amount of \$1,200 for those who apply on or before July 1, 2020.

Resource Impact

There will be a positive current fiscal year impact in the estimated amount of \$8,400, assuming half of the valid permit holders on Cordova Road submit new applications by September 30, 2019.

Funds Available as of June 6, 2019					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (PROGRAM)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	REVENUE AMOUNT
001-PKR090101-K189	Marine Facilities Administration	Charges for Services/ Private Dock Fees	\$159,400	\$106,333	\$8,400
				TOTAL ►	\$8,400

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 21: Be a leading government organization, managing resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Cost Estimate for Processing Dock Application

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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