



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

**#26-0415**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** May 19, 2026

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving an Application for a Dock Permit for Usage of Public Property by Robert L. Gallagher, adjacent to 1101 Cordova Road, for a Proposed Wood Marginal Dock and Authorizing Execution of a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants – **(Commission District 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt a resolution (1) granting a dock permit to Robert L. Gallagher (applicant), for use by private persons of public property, adjacent to 1101 Cordova Road, Fort Lauderdale, Florida for a proposed forty foot (40') long by eight foot (8') wide wood marginal dock and access steps and (2) authorizing counter execution of a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants by the proper City officials relative to the dock permit. Pursuant to 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 and access steps adjacent to 1101 Cordova Road. Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) 47-19(c) allow 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. The proposed dock extends eight feet (8') into the waterway. With a canal width of ninety-six feet (96') +/-, the proposed dock remains within 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).

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 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.

Per Resolution No. 19-205, an application fee of \$1,500 is associated with obtaining a dock permit.

The Marine Advisory Board (MAB) recommended approval of the application by a roll call vote of eleven to zero (11 – 0) at its April 2, 2026, meeting.

**Resource Impact**

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

<i>Funds available as of April 9, 2026</i>					
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	\$10,500	\$1,500
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>					<b>\$1,500</b>

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Spaces and Cultural 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 – April 2, 2026, Marine Advisory Board Draft Minutes

Exhibit 4 – Approval Resolution

Exhibit 5 – Denial Resolution

Exhibit 6 – Declaration of Restrictive Covenants

Exhibit 7 – Letter from Applicant

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