



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

#26-0538

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 16, 2026

TITLE: Public Hearing – Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving a Waiver of
Limitations at 234 Plaza Las Olas for One (1) Finger Pier and One (1) Boat
Lift Extending 48’10” +/- into the Waters Adjacent to the Upland Property -
(Commission District 2)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving a waiver of limitations for one (1) finger pier and one (1) boat lift at 234 Plaza Las Olas.

Background

The Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-19.3(c) limits the maximum distance of mooring structures to twenty-five percent (25%) of the width of the waterway, or twenty-five feet (25’), whichever is less, as measured from the property line. ULDR Section 47-19.3(e) authorizes the City Commission to waive the limitation based upon a finding of extraordinary circumstances.

The applicant is seeking a resolution granting a Waiver of Limitations (a waiver to allow mooring structures to extend beyond the maximum distance as defined by the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida) of Section 47-19.3(c) of the ULDR for one (1) finger pier and one (1) boat lift extending 48’10” +/- into the waters adjacent to the Property.

The applicant’s Summary Description (Exhibit 1) specifies that the extra distance for these mooring structures is necessary to allow for a functional boat lift configuration, capable of safely accommodating the owner’s vessel. In addition, the boat lift will reduce shading, allowing for greater light penetration, supporting aquatic vegetation.

Other than the required \$1,500 application fee, there is no fee associated with obtaining a Waiver of Limitations.

The Marine Advisory Board (MAB) recommended approval of the application by a vote of twelve to zero (12-0) at its May 7, 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 February 10, 2026</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT/ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
10-111-6201-575-347-200-PKR189	Marine Facilities Administration	Service Charge – Parks and Recreation / Private Dock Fees	\$15,000	\$0	\$1,500
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$1,500

Strategic Connections

This is a 2026 Commission Priority, advancing Public Spaces and Cultural initiatives.

This item supports the 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. 47-19.3

Exhibit 3 – May 7, 2026, Marine Advisory Board Draft Minutes

Exhibit 4 – Approval Resolution

Exhibit 5 – Denial Resolution

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