



STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

To: Mayor Gavin Buckley

From: Michael Mallinoff, City Manager

Date: February 5, 2025

Subject: O-7-25: City Docking for Dinghies and Other Small Vessels

Purpose of legislation

The purpose of this legislation is to update City Code regarding the docking of dinghies and other small vessels at public facilities on the City's waterfront by moving the rules and restrictions for docking dinghies and other small vessels from the chapter on Distressed, Sunken, Damaged, Derelict, Disabled, Neglected or Abandoned Vessels and placing it in the chapter on Operation, Anchoring, and Mooring of Vessels in City Waters; allow boats with a maximum 17-foot length and a maximum 90 horsepower motor to dock at street ends, dinghy docks, and other designated public mooring; update Title 15 definitions to conform to the new sections; and generally related to mooring of vessels in City waters.

Impact of legislation on staffing

The legislation is expected to increase the need for enforcement of the dock limitations on size and number of vessels allowed at particular docks. A conservative estimate is that this additional work is expected to require at least one additional half-time equivalent staff person to perform monitoring, write tickets, make court appearances, and perform boater education. This estimate may be too conservative considering that seasonal employees or the new half-time equivalent will be needed at popular dock locations during weekends of April through October to enforce the limits on number of dinghies docked since larger dinghies will create less room for dinghies to dock.

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