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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

Thru: John Leach, Municipal Administrator 

From: Stan Eliason, Harbormaster

Date: October 19, 2021

Subject: Amending Title 13 by Updating Chapter 13.10 Float Regulations

Background

Proposed Ordinance 2021-15 was presented to the Assembly at their regular meeting on June 8th, 2021. The Assembly had concerns about detached trailers left in the 3-to-10-day designated parking areas. Ordinance 2021-15A passed on the first reading, after being amended to strike line 56 "detached trailer, or".

Analysis

To address the concerns of detached trailers. The City's Legal Department held a meeting on August 24th, 2021, with the Harbor Department, Police Department and Harrigan Hall Manager to discuss what they hoped to accomplish by modifying the trailer parking ordinance. It was agreed upon to allow detached trailers to park in designated portions of the Sealing Cove RV Lot.

On September 2nd, 2021, the Legal Department circulated a new draft ordinance throughout the departments for review and for further comments.

On September 7th, 2021, A final draft ordinance was created and distributed to department heads for review, and for final actions from their respective boards and commissions.

On September 8th, 2021, The Port and Harbor Commission reviewed and discussed the new draft ordinance. Some commission members had concerns as to how the new ordinance may impact the commercial use of the Crescent Harbor launch ramp facility and decided to wait for the Police and Fire Commission to review the draft ordinance before making a formal recommendation.

On September 22nd, 2021, The Police and Fire Commission reviewed/discussed the new draft ordinance which resulted in a motion being made to approve the proposed

language in Ordinance 2021-15S and recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the proposed ordinance. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

On October 13th, 2021, The Port and Harbor Commission again reviewed/discussed the draft ordinance which resulted in a motion being made to recommend approval of the draft ordinance by the Assembly. The motion passed by unanimous consent. Harbor staff noted that any commercial use of the Crescent Harbor launch ramp facility/ Harrigan Centennial Hall property would be subject to approval of a permit under chapter 6.19 of the Sitka General Code.

Fiscal Note

While there is the potential that this change may generate a small, but undetermined increase in revenue, the primary purpose of the change is to improve compliance with parking regulations.

Recommendation

Pass the ordinance as written to increase consistency with ramp launch regulations.