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MEMORANDUM

11-047

TO: HOMER CITY COUNCIL
VIA: WALT WREDE, CITY MANAGER
FROM: BRYAN HAWKNS, PORT DIRECTOR/HARBORMASTER *BH*
SUBJECT: LONG-TERM PARKING ON THE SPIT
DATE: MARCH 16, 2011

Please review the attached memorandum to the Port and Harbor Commission dated February 15, 2011 on long-term parking on the Homer Spit as this supplies the background on this issue.

The Port and Harbor Commission discussed this subject at their February 23, 2011 meeting, but unfortunately did not have a quorum and weren't able to make the official motions of approval. However, based on the discussion, I would like to note the following changes and discussion points to the recommendations in the attached memorandum.

The annual parking permit would be \$200.00/year. This is changed from the previously suggested \$300.00/year. The discounted price of \$100.00 for vessel owners who pay annual moorage is still the same.

There was further discussion on the fee parking lots above Ramps 1, 2, 3, and 4. It was suggested that a coupon book be created and sold at the Harbormaster's Office. Upon review with my staff, we ask that this option not be pursued at this time. We believe our parking aide will be fully engaged enforcing the new long-term parking program Spit-wide in addition to the changes we instituted last year in the Boardwalk area. If a person would like to pay for multiple days in the Fee Lots they may do so using the envelope system. We have also encouraged day-use parkers to come to the Harbormaster's Office if they need to make changes or pay with a credit/debit card.

Your Port and Harbor Staff are fully aware that the Iron Ranger envelope system is not the most convenient or even the most efficient fee collection system; however, it is fair, low tech, and cost effective.

Recommendation

Direct the Harbormaster to proceed with the necessary actions to implement a long-term parking program and seasonal parking pass for the fee parking lots, in accordance with the memorandum dated February 15, 2011 and the changes included in this memorandum. Please note that there will be associated costs with implementing these changes and upon Council's approval; staff will prepare a budget amendment to fund the expenses from the Port Reserves account.

Attached: Memo to Port & Harbor Commission Re: Long-Term Parking on the Spit dated February 15, 2011
Homer City Code 10.04.100 & 100.04.110
Homer City Code 18.20.010(A) & (C)
Overview of Seasonal Long-Term Parking & Day Use Fee Lots
Photo of Current Signage
Proposed New Signage to Add to Current Signage