



# MEMORANDUM

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## Request for Port Tariff Recommendations from the Homer Port & Harbor Advisory Commission

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**Prepared For:** Mayor Lord and Homer City Council  
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**From:** Mayor Lord and Councilmember Erickson

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### BACKGROUND:

As the Council has been reviewing the Port Tariff No. 1 updates recommended by the PHAC and through staff, several questions have come up that we would like to request the PHAC take time in considering and providing the Council with recommendations on. We understand the tariff discussions are on an annual basis beginning in the fall. We respectfully request your feedback to the Council on these questions by the Council's second meeting in September, with the expectation that the Council will then provide feedback back to the PHAC to help inform their tariff discussions beginning in October.

### 1. Moorage Rates:

- a. Currently the rate structure is such that if a transient vessel is in the harbor for more than six days, the payment exceeds a full month of transient moorage.
- b. We have heard from many transient vessel owners frustration with this rate structure, especially concerns that this disadvantages commercial vessels transiting from upland storage to the fishing grounds and may need up to ten days in the harbor prior to leaving.
- c. We request that the PHAC contemplate and provide options for how the Port & Harbor could provide a moorage rate that costs less than a month's worth of moorage for transient vessels in the harbor for between 7-14 days.
- d. Please provide the Council with:
  - i. Structured option or options for how this could be accomplished
  - ii. Pros and cons associated with all options provided
  - iii. The number of vessels that would currently fall into this category from the past two years of moorage data
  - iv. The Commission's recommendation for the Council to consider

**2. Insurance Requirements:**

- a. The current requirement for vessel insurance extends to all vessels mooring in the harbor.
- b. The state of Alaska exempts vessels 24' and under from title requirements.
- c. Skiffs and other vessels 24' and under present limited liability to the harbor and the public, especially relative to the significant liabilities associated with larger vessels.
- d. We request that the PHAC contemplate and provide recommendations on the suggestion to exempt vessels 24' and under from the insurance requirements in the tariff.
- e. Please provide the Council with:
  - i. An analysis of the pros and cons of this suggested change to the tariff
  - ii. The current number of vessels this suggestion would impact, and their status (stall vs transient)
  - iii. The Commission's recommendation for the Council to consider