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**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

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RESOLUTION 19-052

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
AMENDING THE HOMER TARIFF NO. 1 AND THE CITY OF HOMER
FEE SCHEDULE UNDER RULE 34. SMALL BOAT HARBOR PUBLIC
LAUNCH RAMP AND 37. BEACHES AND BARGE RAMP FOR BARGE
RAMP USE BY SMALL VESSELS.

WHEREAS, There are a growing number of small vessels that use the Barge Ramp and/or
the Load and Launch ramp to load supplies; and

WHEREAS, Smaller vessels have reported difficulty with tracking and implementing the
self-reported wharfage, and consequently it is not being reported and equitable implantation
of the Tariff rates for all vessels is not occurring; and

WHEREAS, The Port and Harbor Advisory Commission has reviewed and considered
changes to Tariff No. 1 relating to Barge Ramp use by small vessels through five regular
meetings, a work session, and facilitating public comments; and

WHEREAS, These amendments to Homer Tariff No. 1 will better capture the use of our
barge ramp facility by this fleet and find a consistent approach towards managing an equitable
rate for the use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, amends the
Homer Tariff No. 1 and the City Fee Schedule as follows:

RULE 34 – SMALL BOAT HARBOR PUBLIC LAUNCH RAMP

34.01. BOAT PUBLIC LAUNCH RAMP – The City owns and provides access to public launch ramps. The
principal intended use of the LAUNCH RAMP is the launch and recovery of small, boats on trailers. An
authorized subsidiary use is the incidental, noncommercial, loading or unloading of goods, supplies or
materials. . Rate for a single launch is \$13.00 plus the addition of a \$7 levied parking impact fee for a
total of \$20.00(see also 12.09) ; a season pass covering April 1 to October 15 is \$130.00 with the addition
of a \$70 levied parking impact fee for a total of \$200.00(see also 12.09). The person who is obligated to
pay the fee for using the load and launch ramp must make the ticket verifying payment available upon
request, or display the seasonal permit on the port side of the permit holder’s vessel. There is a \$20.00
per hour fee for vessels that are left unattended on the Launch Ramp and are blocking ramps. Reserved
stall holders are exempt from launch fees for the vessel assigned to and registered to the stall only, not
for other boats owned by the same individual. At the Harbormaster’s discretion, reasonable
restrictions may be placed on the use of the public launch ramp.

45 **34.02. COMMERCIAL LOADING - Commercial loading shall be defined as loading any**
46 **amount of materials that exceed a total weight of 500 lbs. Commercial Loading at the**
47 **Load and Launch Ramp shall be subject to the same use, application of fees, and charges**
48 **as the Beaches and Barge Ramp. See Rule 37 Beaches and Barge Ramp Section 37.01 Use,**
49 **37.02 Application of Fees, and Section 37.03 Charges.**

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51 **To avoid congestion at the Load and Launch Ramp during peak months, load and launch**
52 **activities will be prioritized and commercial loading at the load and launch ramp will be**
53 **restricted to the evening hours of 6pm to 6am from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Any**
54 **commercial loading, not pre-approved by the harbormaster that occurs during the hours**
55 **of 6am to 6pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day will be prohibited and violators will be**
56 **charged a penalty of \$100 per occurrence.**

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58 RULE 37 – BEACHES AND BARGE RAMP

59 37.01. USE – The use of beaches and barge ramp under the City ownership or control for
60 commercial barge vessel repair, equipment loading or similar purposes, must be approved by
61 the Harbormaster. At the Harbormaster’s discretion, reasonable restrictions may be placed on
62 the use of the beach and barge ramp. Congestion, risk of loss of public or private property and
63 public safety and/or response may result in restrictions. A beach use agreement will be filled
64 out and signed by the user and Harbormaster prior to use of the beach.

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66 **37.01 (b) Any vessel over 50’ in length will have priority use of the barge ramp facility**
67 **and, depending on need, may be required to schedule use in order to avoid conflicts. All**
68 **other users must work around the priority vessel use and schedule.**

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70 **Any vessel going dry on the barge ramp, and thereby causing blockage or restricted**
71 **access to the ramp, without permission/approval of the harbormaster’s office, shall be**
72 **charged a penalty of \$150 per tide cycle.**

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74 37.02 APPLICATION OF FEES – The Harbormaster shall charge a fee per foot based on length
75 overall of the vessel, for vessels landing or parking on the beaches under City ownership or
76 control. This same rate shall apply to vessels using the barge ramp. The rate per linear foot for
77 all vessels is \$1.50 per landing. Charges for extended beach or barge ramp use may be adjusted
78 by the Harbormaster under appropriate circumstance. **Additionally, an annual pass**
79 **covering from January 1 to December 31 of each year is available for vessels under 50’ at**
80 **the following rate:**

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82 **Annual Pass for vessels under 50’ = single landing + wharfage x 10**

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84 37.03 CHARGES – Wharfage rates shall also apply for the beaches and barge ramp. Charges for
85 extended beach or barge ramp use may be adjusted by the Harbormaster under appropriate
86 circumstances. **A flat rate fee of one ton wharfage per landing will be applied to vessels**
87 **under or equal to 36’ using the beaches or barge ramp. Vessels from 37’ to 50’ using the**

88 **beaches or barge ramp will be charged a flat rate of two tons wharfage per landing.**
89 **Vessels over 50' are required to report and pay for wharfage monthly at tariffed rate.** See
90 Wharfage, Section I, Rule 13.

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92 37.04. DAMAGE – The user of any beach area or barge ramp must repair any damage to the
93 beach or ramp and remove all debris. Failure to make such repairs and removal will result in
94 repairs and cleanup by Harbor staff. The costs incurred by the Harbor staff will be fully charged
95 to the beach user. Labor rate for the Harbor staff will be one hundred and two dollars (\$102.00
96 USD) per hour per person, plus appropriate equipment rental and material costs.

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98 37.05. PROHIBITIONS – Sandblasting of vessels is not permitted on City beaches or barge
99 ramps; water blasting using pressures that result in removal of paint is also prohibited. No
100 paint chips or other paint materials are to be put into the water as a result of any maintenance
101 done on the beach, ramp, on the tidelands or uplands.

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103 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 9th day of September, 2019.

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106 CITY OF HOMER

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109 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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111 ATTEST:

112 Ronie Krause, MMC, Acting City Clerk
113 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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116 Fiscal note: N/A

