

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager/Port Director

**ORDINANCE 24-64**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
EXTENDING THE EXEMPTION OF WORK AND SEINE SKIFFS  
ATTACHED TO MOTHERSHIPS FROM MOORAGE FEES THROUGH  
2025.

WHEREAS, Before January 2023 work and seine skiffs that were attached to their mothership in the Homer Harbor were exempt from moorage fees; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 24-09 amended Tariff No. 1 and removed the work/seine skiff exemption from the tariff; and

WHEREAS, Numerous commercial fishermen testified to the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission (PHAC) during the April meeting to express that this policy change comes at a time when the fishing fleet is facing historic challenges within the industry; and

WHEREAS, The Homer City Council adopted Resolution 24-057 to amend the tariff and reinstate the moorage skiff exemption with an expiration date of December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 24-108, City Council requested that the Governor of the State of Alaska designate the area of Prince William Sound as an area impacted by an economic disaster; and

WHEREAS, On September 25, 2024, the PHAC passed a motion recommending the removal of the work skiff exemption, while acknowledging the difficult timing and unanimously recommended that the City Council postpone this change to the work skiff rule until December 31, 2025, due to the historically low pink salmon return.

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

Section 1. Homer Tariff No. 1 is hereby amended to add Section 28.03 that reads as follows:


28.03. *APPLICATION OF RATES/WORK SKIFFS* – Until December 31, 2025, properly registered seine skiffs or work skiffs attached to the mother vessel are not subject to these moorage rates. Work skiff is defined as a boat that is usually carried on the deck or super structure of the mother vessel and is regularly used in the commercial enterprise of the mother vessel. When work /seine skiffs are moored with the mothership, the combined length overall or beam may

not exceed the allowed criteria for the size of stall. If it does exceed, the skiff must be moved to a transient area and moorage fees will apply.

Section 2. This Ordinance is of a permanent and general character.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

CITY OF HOMER

  
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RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

First Reading: 11/25/24

Public Hearing: 1/13/25

Second Reading: 1/13/25

Effective Date: 1/14/25

