

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager/Port Director

**ORDINANCE 25-13**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA  
ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE PORT OF HOMER ALASKA  
TERMINAL TARIFF NO.1 RULE FIVE, SECTION 5.05 REGARDING  
LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECREATIONAL  
VESSELS.

WHEREAS, The Port and Harbor Terminal Tariff No. 1 annual revision was completed by Ordinance 24-53; and

WHEREAS, In Memorandum CC-24-227, Councilmember Aderhold requested that staff and the Port & Harbor Advisory Commission (PHAC) complete a review of the newly adopted Rule 5, section 5.05, for clarity and fairness regarding liability insurance requirements; and

WHEREAS, Port staff reviewed section 5.05 with the PHAC, and Commissioners approved a motion to strike the minimum liability insurance amount for recreational vessels.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. Port of Homer Alaska Terminal Tariff No. 1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

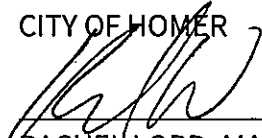
5.05 All vessel owners using the City of Homer's Terminal Facilities are required to carry liability insurance ~~with a minimum of \$300,000 coverage~~ and add the City as a certificate holder. Transient moorage users who do not provide proof of liability insurance will only be permitted to purchase moorage at the daily rate. Reserved moorage users who do not provide proof of liability insurance will not be permitted to renew their stall permit. Commercial boats-defined as vessels that are operated as part of a business, including but not limited to commercial fishing, charter fishing, vessel-for-hire, freight, tow, and construction are required to carry at a minimum \$1,000,000 of liability insurance, and to add the City of Homer as an additional insured with waiver of subrogation. ~~All reserved stall holders, annual and semi-annual transient moorage users are required to add the City of Homer as a certificate holder.~~ Human-powered vessels are exempt from these insurance requirements.

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

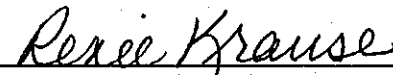
Section 3. This ordinance is effective March 31, 2025.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA this 24th day of February, 2025.

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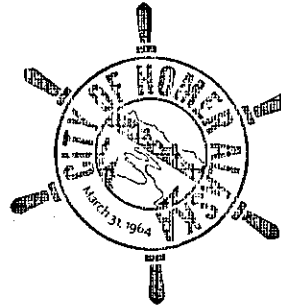
  
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RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

YES: 5  
NO: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1

First Reading: 2/10/25  
Public Hearing: 2/24/25  
Second Reading: 2/24/25  
Effective Date: 2/25/25





# MEMORANDUM

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**Ordinance 25-13, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Adopting Revisions to the Port of Homer Terminal Tariff No. 1, Rule Five Section 5.05 regarding Liability Insurance Requirements for Recreational Vessels. City Manager/Port Director.**

**Item Type:** Back-Up Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Mayor Lord and Homer City Council  
**Date:** January 29, 2025  
**From:** Bryan Hawkins, Port Director  
**Through:** Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

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After conducting our annual review of the Port of Homer Tariff No. 1 and making revisions adopted via Ordinance 24-53, Councilmember Aderhold via Memorandum CC-24-227 requested Port staff to review the updated insurance requirements for recreational vessel owners in the Homer Harbor with the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission (PHAC) for clarity and fairness.

As discussed in Memorandum CC-25-026 at the January PHAC meeting, Commissioners approved a motion to strike the minimum liability insurance amount for recreational (noncommercial) vessels in the Homer Harbor.

This amendment will become effective March 31, 2025 to allow staff to prepare implementation.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Ordinance 25-xx to amend the Port of Homer Terminal Tariff No. 1 Rule Five Section 5.05 to strike the minimum liability insurance amount for recreational (noncommercial) vessel owners.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Memorandum CC-24-227

Memorandum CC-25-026