

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 19, 2018

To: Harbor Commission

From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director

Subject: **Waterfront Department Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Slip Permittee Parking Permit Fee Recommendation**

RECOMMENDATION: That Harbor Commission:

- A. Recommend approval of an increase to annual slip permittee parking permits from \$70 to \$95 in Fiscal Year 2019; and,
- B. Forward a recommendation to City Council for approval to this component of the Waterfront Department's proposed Fiscal Year 2019 budget and incorporation into the City budget process.

BACKGROUND:

On March 15, 2018, the Harbor Commission received a written report and presentation on the Fiscal Year 2019 budget. Included in that report were various recommendations including an increase to annual slip permittee parking permits from \$70 to \$125. The slip permittee annual parking permit allows one slip permittee, per slip, to purchase a permit at a cost of \$70. The \$70 cost has not increased since 2006.

One member of the public asked that the Harbor Commission consider providing a reduced annual permit cost for permitted liveaboards who are also Veterans of the United States Armed Forces (Veterans). Some discussion of the request followed and the Harbor Commission requested that the Harbor Commission Budget Subcommittee convene to discuss the viability of such a fee reduction.

Waterfront staff frequently receives requests to waive or reduce fees from individuals and organizations such as nonprofits holding events, people living aboard that rely upon social security, and other groups that want special consideration for their case. Staff's position is to keep fees as consistent as possible and not to carve out special exceptions or privileges for different groups or individuals.

DISCUSSION:

On April 4, 2018, staff met with the Harbor Commission Budget Subcommittee (Harbor Commissioners Sloan, Spicer, and Cramer) at a publicly noticed meeting, including notices on all marina gates, to discuss the idea of a reduced rate for liveaboards who are Veterans. No members of the public attended the meeting. Staff informed the

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Subcommittee that the City of Santa Barbara has no fee reductions or permit reductions in place that provide a discount or reduced cost for Veterans.

The three-member Budget Subcommittee unanimously recommended that the Harbor Commission consider increasing the proposed permit cost from \$70 to \$95, instead of the previously proposed \$125. This would be the same dollar increase (\$25) as the previously approved increase in general parking permits from \$100 to \$125.

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