



Alexandria Waterfront Commission

Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

1108 Jefferson Street

Alexandria, Virginia 22314

October 22, 2012

Mr. James Spengler, Director
Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities
City of Alexandria
1108 Jefferson Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mr. Spengler:

RE: Waterfront Commission Recommendations regarding FY14 Alexandria City Marina User Fees

At a meeting on October 16, 2012 the Alexandria Waterfront Commission adopted a resolution regarding recommended changes in user fees for the Alexandria City Marina for fiscal year (FY) 2014. This letter documents the Commission's recommendations.

Earlier this month the Marina Committee of the Waterfront Commission compared user fees for existing pleasure craft vessel categories in the Alexandria City Marina to fees charged by other Marinas in the area, including Columbia Island Marina, Gangplank Marina, and James Creek Marina in the District of Columbia and National Harbor Marina in Maryland. The Committee found that:

- Pleasure craft annual lease rates of \$8.00 per foot per month for Alexandria residents and \$9.00 per foot per month for nonresidents are less than other area marinas.
- Docking fees for transient overnight pleasure craft of \$2.00 per foot per night are greater than the District of Columbia marinas but less than National Harbor Marina, which charges \$2.50 per foot per night.
- Docking fees for transient pleasure craft of up to four hours are \$15.00 per craft compared to rates at National Harbor Marina of \$10.00 per craft per four-hour period Monday through Thursday and \$20.00 on weekends and holidays. Other area marinas do not publish short-term transient docking fees.

In general, the Waterfront Commission recommends that Alexandria City Marina user fees be competitive with neighboring Marinas so as to minimize taxpayer subsidies of Marina operations. Therefore, the Commission recommends the following fee increases for FY14:

- Pleasure craft annual lease rates of \$9.00 per foot per month for Alexandria residents and \$10.00 per foot per month for nonresidents, an increase of \$1.00 per month for each category.
- Docking fees for transient overnight pleasure craft of \$2.50 per foot per night, an increase of \$0.50 per night.
- Docking fees for transient pleasure craft for up to four hours of \$20.00 per craft, an increase of \$5.00 for up to four hours.

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We appreciate the opportunity to provide this feedback on Alexandria City Marina fees. On behalf of the Alexandria Waterfront Commission and the broad Citywide constituencies that we represent, thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan M. Macek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Nathan M. Macek, Chair
Alexandria Waterfront Commission

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