

AN ORDINANCE to initiate and establish the process for granting a franchise by the City of Alexandria, Virginia to use the City marina and other public rights-of-way and places to moor an historic or a replica historic tall ship at the City of Alexandria waterfront.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the City of Alexandria proposes to grant a franchise, in the manner prescribed by law permitting an historic ship to moor at the City marina as set forth in the following proposed franchise ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE to grant to _____, its successors and assigns, a franchise under certain conditions, permitting the franchisee to use the public rights-of-way and on other public property to moor an historic or a replica historic tall ship for the operation of tours, private charters, sightseeing cruises, private events and educational programming at the City waterfront for the benefit of the public.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That this Franchise is hereby granted to _____, hereinafter referred to as "Grantee", its successors and assigns, to permit the Grantee to moor an historic or a replica historic tall ship and to design, construct and upgrade City infrastructure for the mooring of an historic or a replica historic tall ship in the City Marina (the City Marina is that area defined by City Code Sec. 6-3-2 –of the Code of the City of Alexandria, 1950, as amended) consistent with the Waterfront Small Area Plan and to conduct tours, private charters, sightseeing cruises, private events and educational programming at the City waterfront, including but not limited to the City Marina and the right to use public rights-of-ways and other public property for the benefit of the public.

Section 2. That the said Franchise is awarded to the Grantee after public notice and invitation for bids, as required by law, pursuant to Section 3 of Ordinance No. ____, and after the invitation for bids was duly closed and all bids were fully and carefully investigated and evaluated.

Section 3. That the Grantee be, and hereby is, granted a Franchise for ____ years to moor and conduct tours, sightseeing cruises, private events and educational programming at the City waterfront, including but not limited to the City Marina and other public rights-of-ways and public property for the benefit of the public. The Grantee may also design, construct and upgrade City infrastructure for the mooring of the historic or a replica historic tall ship with the City's prior written consent and in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws. The Grantee shall strictly comply with the terms of this Ordinance and with the Franchise Agreement attached hereto and incorporated fully herein by reference, together with all applicable laws and regulations of the City of Alexandria, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States, and

any regulatory agency having jurisdiction including without limitation, with the following conditions:

1. Comply with all requests of the City Manager.
2. This Franchise may be assigned or transferred; provided, however, that no such assignment or transfer shall be effective without the prior written consent of the City, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld.
3. The Grantee will obtain liability insurance to the satisfaction of the City Attorney, which insurance shall name the City as and additional insured.
4. Additional conditions provided in the Franchise Agreement attached hereto and incorporated fully herein by reference.
5. The Grantee shall remove its property at its own expense at the expiration of termination of this Franchise or any extension hereof unless otherwise agreed to in writing that the City will accept such changes at no compensation to the Grantee.

Section 4. That the City Manager be and hereby is authorized to execute such documents as may be required to effectuate this Franchise hereby granted.

Section 5. That the City Clerk be and hereby is authorized to attest the execution of said documents and to affix thereon the official seal of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Section 6. That as soon as this Ordinance has been finally passed, the City Clerk shall cause to be advertised once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper published in the City of Alexandria, a descriptive notice of the proposed ordinance contained in Section 1 of this Ordinance, and, in addition thereto, shall by such advertisement invite bids for the Franchise proposed to be granted by such proposed ordinance, by publishing with the descriptive notice of such Ordinance a notice which shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE

BIDS ARE INVITED BY THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, FOR THE GRANT OF A FRANCHISE PERMITTING THE FRANCHISEE TO USE THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA MARINA TO MOOR AN HISTORIC OR A REPLICA HISTORIC TALL SHIP TO CONDUCT TOURS AND SIGHTSEEING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC. DETAILED CONDITIONS, TERMS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE FRANCHISE ARE ON FILE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, C/O JACK BROWAND, DIVISION CHIEF, 1108 JEFFERSON STREET, ALEXANDRIA VA 22314. ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THIS FRANCHISE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT WWW.ALEXANDRIAVA.GOV/RECREATION.

THE TERM OF THE FRANCHISE IS NEGOTIABLE, BUT IT SHALL BE FOR A MINIMUM OF FIVE YEARS.

ALL BIDS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING AND DELIVERED BY MAIL TO RPCA, C/O JACK BROWAND, DIVISION CHIEF, 1108 JEFFERSON STREET, ALEXANDRIA VA 22314 OR EMAIL TO JACK.BROWAND@ALEXANDRIAVA.GOV ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 23, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME. AT THAT TIME BIDS SHALL BE PUBLICLY OPENED AND BIDDERS IDENTIFIED. THE LOCATION OF THE BID OPENING WILL BE THE LEE CENTER, 1108 JEFFERSON STREET, ALEXANDRIA VA 22314.

IN ADDITION, IDENTIFICATION OF THE BIDS SHALL BE ANNOUNCED IN OPEN SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA IN THE COUNCIL'S CHAMBER, CITY HALL , 301 KING STREET, SECOND FLOOR, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314, ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2019, AT 7:00 PM AT THAT TIME, THE MAYOR SHALL REFER THE BIDS RECEIVED TO THE CITY MANAGER TO EVALUATE, REVIEW AND CONSIDER IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, INCLUDING THE SELECTION OF, AND NEGOTIATION OF A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH, A PREFERRED BIDDER. AS SOON THEREAFTER AS PRACTICABLE, THE CITY MANAGER WILL RECOMMEND THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, AND PRESENT THE NEGOTIATED FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL BY CITY COUNCIL.

THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT IN THE CITY MANAGER'S SOLE DISCRETION TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS; TO TERMINATE NEGOTIATIONS AT ANY STAGE OF THE SELECTION PROCESS, AND TO READVERTISE THE ORDINANCE WITH OR WITHOUT MODIFICATION.

THE DESCRIPTION NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED FRANCHISE NOTICE IS AS FOLLOWS:

The proposed ordinance will grant a franchise, under certain conditions, permitting the Grantee to use the City marina, and on other public property to moor an historical tall ship and to conduct tours, sightseeing cruises, private events, and educational programming. (Complete text of ordinance available in the office of the City Clerk).

Section 7. That this Ordinance shall become effective on the date and at the time of its final passage.

JUSTIN WILSON
Mayor

Introduction:
First Reading:
Publication:
Public Hearing
Second Reading:

Final Passage: