



Legislation Text

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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: JAMES F. PARAJON, CITY MANAGER /s/

FROM: JAMES SPENGLER, DIRECTOR,
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

DOCKET TITLE:

Consideration of Authorization for the City Manager to Execute a Docking Agreement with the Pride of Baltimore, Inc. to Dock the Tall Ship Pride of Baltimore II at the City Marina and Waive Associated Docking Fees.

ISSUE: Consideration of authorization for the City Manager to execute a Docking Agreement with the Pride of Baltimore, Inc. to dock the Tall Ship Pride of Baltimore II at the City Marina from Friday, October 21 through Monday, October 24 and waive associated docking fees.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the Docking Agreement with the Pride of Baltimore, Inc. to dock the Tall Ship Pride of Baltimore II at the City Marina from Friday, October 21 through Monday, October 24 and waive associated docking fees (Attachment).

BACKGROUND: The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities received a docking request from the Pride of Baltimore, Inc. and the National Park Service to dock the Tall Ship Pride of Baltimore II from Friday, October 21 through Monday, October 24.

In 1975, the City of Baltimore adopted proposal for the construction of a replica sailing vessel as the centerpiece of its Inner Harbor revitalization efforts. An iconic clipper ship was chosen because of the pivotal role Baltimore privateer vessels played in the War of 1812. In the 1790s, Maryland led the nation in shipbuilding; Baltimore was the undisputed leader of this industry on the Chesapeake Bay. Built to be swift and maneuverable in an era when speed on the high seas was synonymous with survival, Baltimore Clippers won the respect of the maritime nations of the world and helped establish Baltimore's reputation as a center of commerce and the home of some of the world's most creative shipbuilders.

FISCAL IMPACT: Waiver of \$1,350 in docking fees.

ATTACHMENT: Docking Agreement

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