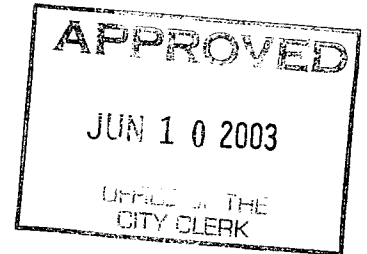




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June 5, 2003

City Council
Sacramento, California



Honorable Members in Session

SUBJECT: Proposed Fee Increase and Additional Collection Method for the Old Sacramento Visitor Boat Dock

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Old Sacramento, District 1

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the attached resolution to:

1. Change the fee structure for the Old Sacramento Visitor Boat Dock from the current \$15.00 per night for overnight use to a fee based on boat length equivalent to \$1.00 a foot per boat, each night.
2. Install a secure payment box to collect funds in the event no attendant is present to collect fees.
3. Authorize the City Manager or his/her designee to modify boat dock fees in the future based on current market rates.

CONTACT PERSON: Ed Astone, Old Sacramento Town Manager, 264-8209

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: June 10, 2003

SUMMARY:

The proposed fee change will provide a more equitable billing system for boaters visiting overnight in Old Sacramento and allow Old Sacramento Management to recover costs associated with operating the Visitor Boat Dock.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Old Sacramento is a premiere location for boaters to visit and stay overnight. There are over 150 public and private enterprises within walking distance of the boat dock.
- Boaters currently pay a fee of \$15.00 per night regardless of the length of their boat. The City Council approved the existing fees in April, 1998.
- The length of boats visiting the Old Sacramento boat dock varies from 20 feet to 103 feet. The boat dock has a limited capacity of 900 feet.
- The maximum stay at the Visitor Boat Dock is four (4) nights except during Jazz Jubilee where the maximum stay increases to five (5) nights.
- Effective July 15, 2003 boaters would be charged \$1.00 per foot/per night based upon the overall length of their boat. The minimum fee would be \$15.00 per night, including access to electricity and water. Overnight use is defined as use of the dock for longer than eight hours during a 24 hour period, or for any amount of time between the hours of 9:00pm and 6:00am. There is no charge for daytime use of the boat dock.
- A reservation fee of \$15.00 per vessel is charged for securing reservations seven days in advance. No change to this fee is recommended.
- Fee collection has been limited to normal business hours and staff availability. There are a significant number of boaters arriving after 5:00pm with the intention of staying overnight.
- A secure drop-box or slot located at the existing marina booth would be installed and equipped with instructional envelopes to allow boaters to pay fees when an attendant is not present. Violators will be cited.

Following is a comparison of overnight berthing fees at area marinas:

**Sacramento Area Marinas
Current Rates**

Riverview Marina
425-4100
\$1.00 per foot/per night
Includes electricity and water

Freeport Marina
665-1555
\$15.00 per day
Includes electricity and water

Metro Marina
920-8088
\$10.00 per day
Includes electricity and water

Cliff's Marina
665-1611
\$0.50 per foot/per day
Includes electricity and water

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Under the proposed fee change, revenue generated from the Visitor Boat Docks is estimated to be \$32,000 annually—an increase of nearly \$15,000 from current collections. By comparison, FY 02 operating costs for the program was \$36,000. The proposed change would improve the alignment of expenses and revenues.

Installation of a payment box or slot at the Visitor Boat Dock is estimated at \$1,500.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This ordinance does not constitute a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15061(a)(3). Alternatively, this project is exempt pursuant to the following categorical exemptions: Section 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources) and Section 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment).

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The recommended actions are consistent with the City's goal to create a financially viable organization to manage and maintain the Old Sacramento Historic District.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

Staff will utilize the services of the City's Facilities Department to install the payment box/slot.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:



Ed Astone
Old Sacramento Town Manager



Barbara E. Bonebrake, Director
Convention, Culture & Leisure Dept.

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



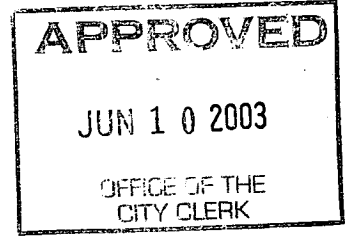
Robert P. Thomas, City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 2003-379

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL
ON DATE OF _____



OLD SACRAMENTO VISITOR BOAT DOCK FEES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

1. Amend the Fee and Charge Report to change the fee structure for the Old Sacramento Visitor Boat Dock from the current \$15.00 per night for overnight use to a fee based on boat length equivalent to \$1.00 a foot per boat, each night.
2. Approve the installation of a secure payment box to collect funds in the event no attendant is present to collect fees.
3. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to modify the boat dock fees based on current market rates.
4. Based on the information presented to it and upon all information in the public record, and in compliance with Public Resource Code Section 21080 (b)(8), the City Council finds that the amended fee is for the purpose of meeting operating expenses including employee wage rates and fringe benefits.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTION NO.: _____

DATE ADOPTED: _____

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