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Greetings,

I missed the notice for a comment period that the harbor board posted on considering new rule changes and I had a few points on two of the potential changes for here in Statter. The notice wasn't specific on when these changes would be forwarded to the city council but the meeting for them was Aug 23.

First, the parking fees going from monthly to only daily/hourly. It seems reasonable to want to do away with monthly parking permits when the lot has so many vehicles stored in it. A dozen are left year round by leased space owners who pay nothing as well as several unmoved tour trucks that just about take up two spots a piece. I'd suggest that people should only use the lot if they're actively using the harbor and make vehicles move every 10 days. It would be far more fair as well if harbor residents had parking access instead of being charged \$150 a month for it. This in addition to paying the residence surcharge that affords us no rights or privileges not available to any normal harbor user. Residents of all other city harbors receive parking passes.

Second, I'd like to address the summer management change in going to day rates for vessels that don't clear the harbor every ten days. There is a similar problem as in the parking lot and this rule does makes sense to me to a point. Folks use our harbor to long term store their boats with no plan to use them regularly during the year. I'd only point out that there should be an exception for live aboard boat owners in good standing without complaints that have accounts paid up in full and especially if you're on the wait list for permanent moorage. It doesn't seem right to push live aboard's out of Statter along with boat owners lazily using the harbor as storage. There are plenty of protected storage lots around town they can use, but there isn't close to enough space in the other harbors combined during summer to absorb all the people who call Statter home. It seems very unfair to tell folks where they can live specifically when it's our city's largest by far. We pay fees, rent and taxes year round that support the city harbor system in our state's most expensive harbor. That should afford a little respect instead of force labeling all paid residents of Statter "transients" so that strict unreasonable rules apply like the 10 day move only in that harbor.

Thank you for your time in reading my response,

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