

RESOLUTION 2025 - 19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA; HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING REVISED DOCKAGE FEES FOR THE CITY DOCK; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS, ESTABLISHING NEW FLAT-RATE FEES FOR SLIP RENTALS BASED ON ELECTRICAL SERVICE LEVEL; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of LaBelle operates and maintains a public dock facility for use by transient boaters and visitors, providing water access to the community and supporting economic activity; and

WHEREAS, the City currently charges a flat rate of \$30.00 per night for all vessels using the dock, regardless of size or amenities provided; and

WHEREAS, comparative analysis of dockage rates at neighboring facilities in Moore Haven, Clewiston, Port LaBelle, and Fort Myers reveals that the City's rates are substantially below regional averages, with most surrounding docks charging between \$2.00 and \$5.00 per foot per night, resulting in charges of \$64 to \$160 per night for an average 32-foot vessel; and

WHEREAS, the City incurs ongoing and increasing costs associated with dock maintenance, repairs, utilities, and operational oversight, and it is the intent of the City Commission that these costs be covered through user fees rather than subsidized by taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, due to the unique nature of the LaBelle City Dock — where boats dock either bow- or stern-in without assigned finger piers or uniform slip lengths — the City Commission finds that maintaining a flat-rate fee structure is the most practical and equitable method for administering dockage charges; and

WHEREAS, Section 14-86 of the City Code of Ordinances authorizes the City Commission to establish fees for municipal facilities by resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of Representations. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same is hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Revised Dockage Rates. The following revised dockage rates for the City of LaBelle dock facility are hereby approved:

- **\$65.00 per night** for vessels using slips with **50-amp electrical service**
- **\$55.00 per night** for vessels using slips with **30-amp electrical service**
- **\$35.00 per night** for slips **without electrical or water service**

These rates shall apply to all transient vessels and replace any prior rate structure in effect.

Section 3. Repeal of Conflicting Provision. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PAASED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of LaBelle, Florida, on this 9th day of October 2025.

Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tijauna Warner, MPA, MMC, Deputy City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

Derek Rooney, City Attorney

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

VOTE:

Commissioner Holland

_____ (Yes)

_____ (No)

Vice Mayor Ratica

_____ (Yes)

_____ (No)

Commissioner Spratt

_____ (Yes)

_____ (No)

Commissioner Vargas

_____ (Yes)

_____ (No)

Mayor Wilkins

_____ (Yes)

_____ (No)