

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE #2022-XXX**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 14.20.125 and 14.20.250 OF CHAPTER 14.20,  
MUNICIPAL HARBORS, OF THE PETERSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADDRESS LIVE-  
ABOARDS AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL USES OF VESSELS MOORED IN MUNICIPAL HARBORS**

**WHEREAS**, the current language of the borough code, in chapter 14.20, *Municipal Harbors*, does not provide any guidance on the number or type of vessels which can be utilized as live-aboards in borough harbors; and

**WHEREAS**, the borough code also does not directly address other residential uses of vessels moored in borough harbors, such as for vacation rentals or long-term residential rentals; and

**WHEREAS**, residential vessel use, by its nature, produces less movement of vessels into and out of the harbors, resulting in a reduction of available hot berthing space in the harbors; and

**WHEREAS**, the harbors of the borough are the economic driver of the community of Petersburg, and further guidance regarding harbor residential usage is necessary to ensure continued operational efficiency.

**THEREFORE, THE PETERSBURG BOROUGH ORDAINS**, Sections 14.20.125 and 14.20.250 of the Petersburg Municipal Code are hereby amended as follows. The language proposed for addition is in **bolded red and underlined**.

**Section 1. Classification:** This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall be codified in the Petersburg Municipal Code.

**Section 2. Purpose:** The purpose of this ordinance is to address live-aboard and other residential uses of vessels occupying moorage space in borough harbors.

**Section 3. Substantive Provisions:**

**14.20.125 - Live-aboard policy.**

- A. A person living aboard a vessel for fifteen days within any 30-day period is considered a live-aboard.
- B. Pets may be kept on a live-aboard vessel pursuant to chapter 7.04 of this Code.
- C. Vessels being used as live-aboards must meet all sanitary requirements as established by the United States Coast Guard or by the borough.
- D. Oil, gas, electric or wood heating units must be installed and utilized in conformance with manufacturers' specifications and approved by the harbormaster as a matter of public safety.
- E. Fees for live-aboard use shall be charged as established in this chapter.

**F. During the months of May through October of each year, no more than ten percent (10%) of the moorage spaces within each category of stall length may be utilized at any one time by live-aboard vessels, except at the discretion of the Harbormaster.**

**14.20.250 - Prohibited acts.**

The following acts are prohibited:

*[There are no changes to paragraph A]*

B. Tying or mooring pile drivers, scows, barges, boat houses, **float homes**, or other similar vessels, or vessels over one hundred fifty feet in length, to any float;

*[There are no changes to paragraph C through V]*

**W. Commercial use of the harbor facilities for rental of vessels for residential purposes, either on a short-term rental (e.g., vacation rental or bed & breakfast) or long-term rental basis. This does not preclude short-term moorage of a marine passenger ship providing overnight lodging as part of a cruise, as that term is defined in PMC 4.80.020.**

**Section 4. Severability:** If any provision of this ordinance or any application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and application to any person and circumstance shall not be affected.

**Section 5. Effective Date:** This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon final passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED by the Petersburg Borough Assembly, Petersburg, Alaska this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.**

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Mark Jensen, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk

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