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ORDINANCE #2026-03**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PETERSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 14.20,  
ENTITLED “MUNICIPAL HARBORS”, TO INCREASE HARBOR FEES**

**WHEREAS**, Petersburg’s Municipal Harbor Department and the Harbors and Ports Advisory Board recommend an increase in moorage and use fees to bring harbor revenues in line with expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, harbor fees were last increased in 2022, at the recommendation of the Petersburg Municipal Harbor Department and the Ports and Harbor Advisory Board, by Ordinance #2022-03.

**THEREFORE, THE PETERSBURG BOROUGH ORDAINS**, as follows:

**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 increase harbor fees to bring harbor revenues in line with expenses.

**Section 3. Substantive Provisions:** Section 14.20.360 *Regulation of vehicles and parking areas* and 14.20.390, *Fees and charges for services*, of Chapter 14.20 entitled “Municipal Harbors”, of the Petersburg Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows (the language proposed for deletion is struck through, and the new language is in red and underlined):

**Chapter 14.20 MUNICIPAL HARBORS**

**14.20.360 Regulation of vehicles and parking area.**

A. The harbormaster, or the harbormaster's designee, is authorized to enforce traffic and parking ordinances at borough harbor facilities. Additionally, the harbormaster may establish and enforce additional reasonable traffic and parking regulations as may be required for the safe and orderly operation and parking of all vehicles within the confines of harbor facilities. This includes the posting of signs and all other regulations that may be required. Vehicles found in violation of these regulations will be subject to vehicle immobilization (by use of a parking boot or other similar device), fees and to towing and placement in a designated impound lot. The fee for removal of a vehicle immobilization device is \$35.00.

B. All towing and impound expenses will be incurred by the owner of the vehicle.

C. Persons using harbor facility vehicle parking areas will do so only in connection with the use of the other harbor facilities.

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## 14.20.390 Fees and charges for services.

### A. Annual Moorage fees.

1. Unless otherwise stated in this chapter, the base moorage fee (also referred to as the permanent stall rate), available to a vessel which has a moorage contract for a stall in the municipal harbors located in Service Area 1 for a minimum term of seven full consecutive months, is as follows:

| Stall length     | \$ per foot  |
|------------------|--|
| 18 ft.           | × \$ <del>43.00</del> <del>39.00</del> = \$ <del>774.00</del> <del>702.00</del> (\$ <del>64.50</del> <del>58.50</del> mo.)       |
| 20 ft.           | × \$ <del>43.00</del> <del>39.00</del> = \$ <del>860.00</del> <del>780.00</del> (\$ <del>71.67</del> <del>65.00</del> mo.)       |
| 26 ft.           | × \$ <del>44.00</del> <del>39.00</del> = \$ <del>1,144.00</del> <del>1,014.00</del> (\$ <del>95.33</del> <del>84.50</del> mo.)   |
| 32 ft.           | × \$ <del>44.00</del> <del>39.00</del> = \$ <del>1,408.00</del> <del>1,248.00</del> (\$ <del>117.33</del> <del>104.00</del> mo.) |
| 40 ft.           | × \$ <del>48.00</del> <del>43.50</del> = \$ <del>1,920.00</del> <del>1,740.00</del> (\$ <del>160.00</del> <del>145.00</del> mo.) |
| 42 ft.           | × \$ <del>48.00</del> <del>43.50</del> = \$ <del>2,016.00</del> <del>1,827.00</del> (\$ <del>168.00</del> <del>152.25</del> mo.) |
| 48 ft.           | × \$ <del>55.00</del> <del>50.00</del> = \$ <del>2,640.00</del> <del>2,400.00</del> (\$ <del>220.00</del> <del>200.00</del> mo.) |
| 50 ft.           | × \$ <del>55.00</del> <del>50.00</del> = \$ <del>2,750.00</del> <del>2,500.00</del> (\$ <del>229.17</del> <del>208.33</del> mo.) |
| 50 ft. wide (55) | × \$ <del>56.00</del> <del>50.50</del> = \$ <del>3,080.00</del> <del>2,777.50</del> (\$ <del>256.67</del> <del>231.46</del> mo.) |
| 60 ft.           | × \$ <del>60.00</del> <del>57.25</del> = \$ <del>3,600.00</del> <del>3,435.00</del> (\$ <del>300.00</del> <del>286.25</del> mo.) |
| 62 ft.           | × \$ <del>60.00</del> <del>57.25</del> = \$ <del>3,720.00</del> <del>3,549.50</del> (\$ <del>310.00</del> <del>295.79</del> mo.) |
| 75 ft.           | × \$ <del>63.00</del> <del>57.25</del> = \$ <del>4,725.00</del> <del>4,293.75</del> (\$ <del>393.75</del> <del>357.81</del> mo.) |
| 100 ft.          | × \$ <del>63.00</del> <del>57.25</del> = \$ <del>6,300.00</del> <del>5,725.00</del> (\$ <del>525.00</del> <del>477.08</del> mo.) |

2. Monthly 20-foot stall rental in South Harbor:
  - a. 1—11 months: \$65.00
  - b. 12 months: \$~~35.84~~ ~~32.50~~ (prepaid)
3. Overhanging stall: One dollar per foot, per month, except there shall be no overhanging stall fee charged to the 20-foot stalls in South Harbor.
4. Unless otherwise stated in this chapter, the base semi-annual moorage fees available to a vessel which has a moorage contract for a stall in the municipal harbors located in service area 1 for a term of 3 to 6 consecutive months shall be charged \$~~5.88~~ per linear foot per month as follows:

| STALL LENGTH | PER FT | RATE PER MONTH |
|--------------|--------|----------------|
| 18 FT        | 6.04   | \$108.72       |
| 20 FT        | 6.04   | \$120.80       |
| 26 FT        | 6.08   | \$158.08       |
| 32 FT        | 6.08   | \$194.56       |

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|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| <u>40 FT</u>                 | <u>6.25</u> | <u>\$250.00</u> |
| <u>42 FT</u>                 | <u>6.25</u> | <u>\$262.50</u> |
| <u>48 FT</u>                 | <u>6.54</u> | <u>\$313.92</u> |
| <u>50 FT</u>                 | <u>6.54</u> | <u>\$327.00</u> |
| <u>50 FT (WIDE STALL 55)</u> | <u>6.67</u> | <u>\$366.85</u> |
| <u>60 FT</u>                 | <u>6.75</u> | <u>\$405.00</u> |
| <u>62 FT</u>                 | <u>6.75</u> | <u>\$418.50</u> |
| <u>75 FT</u>                 | <u>6.88</u> | <u>\$516.00</u> |
| <u>100 FT</u>                | <u>6.88</u> | <u>\$688.00</u> |

B. Use fees.

1. Transient vessel moorage fees.

a. The owner, master or agent of any transient vessel moored within the municipal harbors for less than ten days in any calendar month shall pay per day, or any portion thereof, moorage based on the length of vessel as follows:

i. All vessels: \$0.85 ~~75~~ per linear foot.

ii. Non-Commercial Fishing >90 foot: Daily \$1.70 ~~1.50~~ per linear foot.

b. The owner, master or agent of any transient vessel moored within the municipal harbors for ten days or more in any calendar month shall pay moorage at the rate of \$8.50 ~~7.50~~ per linear foot per calendar month except as set out below.

i. Non-Commercial Fishing >90 foot: Monthly \$17.00 ~~15.00~~ per linear foot.

c. If transient vessel moorage fees are not paid in full prior to the end of the calendar month in which they are incurred, an invoice fee of \$10.00 shall be assessed.

2. Skiff float use. The owner, master or agent of any vessel moored at the skiff float shall be charged \$2.00 per linear foot per month.

3. Grid use fee. The owner, master or agent of any vessel using a grid shall pay for the use of the grid at the following rate per linear foot (vessel length) per day:

a. Wood grid, \$0.80 ~~0.70~~.

b. Steel grid, \$1.35 ~~1.20~~.

4. Live-aboard fee. The vessel owner, master or agent shall pay the following rate per month for persons living aboard a vessel:

a. One person, \$72.00 ~~65.00~~.

b. Each additional person, \$36.00 ~~30.00~~.

5. Launching ramp permit fee.

a. Commercial use of launching ramp. Persons launching vessels without purchasing an annual launch permit shall pay \$35.00 ~~30.00~~ for each launch. An annual launch permit for commercial use may be purchased at a cost of \$350.00 ~~300.00~~ for unlimited use of the launching facilities.

b. Noncommercial use of launching ramp. Persons launching vessels without purchasing an annual launch permit shall be charged \$20.00 ~~15.00~~ for each launch. An annual launch permit may be purchased at a cost of \$60.00 ~~50.00~~ for the first permit and \$30.00 ~~25.00~~ each for each additional

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permit (each trailer must have its own permit) for unlimited use of the launching facilities. The permit must be attached to the tongue of the trailer.

6. Port facility use fee.
  - a. Dock face moorage fee. The owner, master or agent of any vessel mooring at a dock face shall pay \$2.50 per linear foot (vessel length) for each 24-hour period or portion thereof.
  - b. Wharfage fee. The owner, master or agent of any vessel loading or unloading freight at the port dock shall pay \$5.00 per ton of freight loaded or unloaded.
  - c. Upland outdoor storage fees. The owner, master or agent of a vessel whose gear or equipment is stored at an upland outdoor storage area of a municipal harbor shall pay ~~\$0.35~~ 0.30 per square foot of storage space rented per month. Prior approval of the harbormaster is required.
7. Port dock, drive down bulkhead, launch ramp and crane dock loading/off-loading use fee.
  - a. Persons engaged in loading or off-loading materials, equipment, gear or any other items onto or off vessels at the port dock, drive down bulkhead or crane dock shall be charged \$50.00 for each vessel loaded or off-loaded or \$300.00 annually for unlimited use of one of the docks for loading/off-loading. Prior approval of the harbormaster is required.
  - b. Vessels are limited to 4 hours moorage within a 24-hour period on the crane dock and drive down bulkhead. Additional time may be granted by the harbor master.
8. Commercial Drive Down Dock and Drive Down Bulkhead Permit.
  - a. Annual Permit: ~~\$4.00~~ 3.00 per lineal foot of vessel.
  - b. Per Use Basis: ~~\$1.50~~ 1.00 per lineal foot of vessel per use.
  - c. Vessels are limited to 4 hours of active loading and unloading activity within a 24-hour period. Additional time may be granted by the harbormaster.
  - d. Specific areas are available for vessel repair and maintenance. Reservations must be made prior through the harbormaster. Vessels will be charged \$1.00 per foot per day for reserved space.
9. Crane use fee. The owner, master or agent of any vessel using the crane shall be charged ~~\$45.00~~ 40.00 for each hour of use, or portion thereof.
10. Boat pumping fee. The owner, master or agent of a vessel pumped shall pay ~~\$65.00~~ 60.00 per hour (with a one-hour minimum fee) for the vessel pumping service.
11. Snow removal fee. The owner, master or agent of a vessel provided with snow removal service shall pay ~~\$45.00~~ 40.00 per hour (with a one-hour minimum fee).
12. Transient electrical service fee. The owner, master or agent of a vessel provided electrical service, if available, shall pay:
  - a. \$6.00 per day for 30 amp service;
  - b. \$10.00 per day for 50 amp service;
  - c. \$34.00 per day for 60 amp service; and
  - d. \$57.00 per day for 100 amp service.
13. Electric adapter plug rental fee.
  - a. 30 amp/110v adapter - ~~\$5.50~~ 5.00 per day, plus an initial deposit of \$150.00;
  - b. ~~60-amp 3-phase~~ 50 amp adapter - ~~\$11.00~~ 10.00 per day after a 10 day grace period, plus an initial deposit of \$250.00;

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c. 60 amp 3 phase/50 amp adapter - \$11.00 per day after a 10 day grace period, plus an initial deposit of \$500.00;

d e.—100 amp plug - \$11.00 ~~10.00~~ per day after a 10 day grace period, ~~plus an initial deposit of \$600.00.~~

Failure to timely return the plug, or return of the plug in a damaged or nonfunctional condition, shall result in forfeiture of the deposit to the borough. If the deposit is secured by credit card or debit card information, the cardholder grants authorization for the borough to process a charge to such card in the amount of the forfeited deposit.

14. Impounding fee for gear or other equipment left on dock or floats. The owner, master or agent of a vessel whose gear or equipment, including skiffs, is left on the docks or floats after the harbormaster has directed the items to be removed, after the vessel has left the harbor, or for a period in excess of 24 hours, shall be charged a \$75.00 minimum impound fee for those items, plus \$3.00 per day as the storage fee on the impounded items. Impounded items may, at the discretion of the harbormaster, be discarded if not claimed within 30 days.
15. Vessel moving/towing fee for vessels moored within the municipal harbors. The owner, master or agent of any vessel moored within the municipal harbors which is moved or towed within the facility shall be charged \$1.65 ~~1.50~~ per linear foot (vessel length) for the moving/towing service. The moving/towing service shall be provided at the discretion of the harbormaster.
16. Harbor skiff emergency use fee. The owner, master or agent of any vessel requiring the emergency use of the harbor skiff shall pay \$44.00 ~~40.00~~ per hour (with a one-hour minimum fee) for the skiff emergency service.
17. Power-washer use. The owner, master or agent of any vessel using the power-washer shall be charged \$45.00 ~~40.00~~ per hour, or any portion thereof.
18. Harbor showers. Use of the showers at the harbormaster's building shall be charged \$2.00 for each seven and one-half minutes.
19. Tour ship docking fees.
  - a. Float side inner harbor: \$600.00 ~~500.00~~ per stop;
  - b. Port dock and drive down bulkhead: \$700.00 ~~600.00~~ per stop;
  - c. Lighters to the harbor will be charged \$500.00 ~~400.00~~ per each 24 hours;
  - d. Drive Down Float: \$800.00 ~~700.00~~ per stop, 8 hour maximum; time over 8 hour maximum \$100.00 per hour;
  - c. Homeland Security Fee: \$440.00 ~~400.00~~ per stop.
20. Tour ship schedule or docking location change fee (in effect from April 30 through October 31 annually) \$200.00 per change, per vessel.
21. Tour ship trip cancellation. Prepaid tour ship docking and other use fees will not be refunded for ship cancellations received by the borough after April 30 of each year.
22. Garbage, waste oil disposal fees and water fees.
  - a. Vessels not using the harbor facilities for moorage but disposing of garbage or waste oil or obtaining water shall be charged fees as follows:
    - i. Garbage disposal, \$25.00 per cubic yard;
    - ii. Waste oil disposal, \$10.00 ~~5.50~~ per five gallons, \$50.00 per barrel, plus expenses incurred by the borough in disposal;

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- iii. Potable water, \$15.00 minimum or \$0.03 per gallon, whichever is greater.
23. Fees associated with vessels in a dangerous condition:
- a. Replacing or securing mooring lines, \$~~25.00~~ ~~20.00~~ plus the cost of material used;
  - b. Pumping of vessels, \$~~65.00~~ ~~60.00~~ per hour (with a one-hour minimum fee), plus expenses incurred.
24. Fees for conducting business from a vessel. ~~Twenty dollars~~ \$25.00 per day during such period of time as mooring is approved.
25. Impoundment fees. Impounded vessels shall be charged a minimum fee of \$75.00 plus storage at the rate of not less than \$3.00 per day, or the actual cost to the borough, whichever is higher. These fees are in addition to any other costs incurred by the borough during the impoundment process.
26. Commercial Use Permit. Any business providing commercial services to vessels within the municipal harbors, and any vessel engaged in charter, tour or similar commercial operations, or from which or with which business is being conducted, that does not pay a moorage fee under this chapter, shall be required to obtain an annual commercial use permit. The fee for such permit is \$220.00 per year.
- C. Fees in this subsection 14.20.390 may be increased, by ordinance amendment, on an annual basis, subject to review of harbor facilities' financial needs and borough assembly approval, based on increases in the Anchorage Consumer Price Index.

**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 the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

**Section 5. Effective Date:** This Ordinance shall become effective March 1, 2026.

**PASSED AND APPROVED by the Petersburg Borough Assembly, Petersburg, Alaska this 17th day of February, 2026.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Bob Lynn, Mayor**

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**Rebecca Regula, Borough Clerk**

Adopted:  
Noticed:  
Effective: