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March 9, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: Charles Nelson, Parks and Recreation Director, Attn: Marsha Cantrell
Euripides Rodriguez, Solid Waste Management Director

RE: Item VII.B.2, Solid Waste Disposal Fees for Derelict/Abandoned Vessels

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on March 8, 2005, reinstated waiver of Solid Waste Disposal Fees for derelict/abandoned vessels by including them as part of the Solid Waste Annual Assessment.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK


Bernadette Talbert, Deputy Clerk

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AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: Personal Appearance, Brevard County Marine Advisory Council Chairman Tom McGill, Re: Solid Waste Disposal Fees for Derelict/Abandoned Vessels

DEPT. / OFFICE: Parks and Recreation Department
Parks Support Services

Requested Action:

The Brevard County Marine Advisory Council requests the Board reinstate the waiver of the Solid Waste Disposal Fees for derelict/abandoned vessels by including them as part of the Solid Waste Annual Assessment.

Summary Explanation & Background:

The Brevard County Marine Advisory Council is concerned with issues created by abandoned vessels and desires to encourage owners to properly dispose of unwanted boats by reinstating a waiver of Solid Waste disposal fees. Euripides Rodriquez, Solid Waste Director, has attended several Council meetings and is aware of the Council's position. He advised the disposal fees were waived many years ago and the Board could reinstate that waiver by including derelict/abandoned vessels in the Solid Waste Annual Assessment.

Annually, boats are abandoned on waterways and shorelines throughout Brevard County. These vessels create navigational problems, cause environmental damage due to spillage of oil and fuels and damage seagrasses. Although a boat owner is responsible for the removal of their boat, it is often difficult to identify an owner and when found, equally difficult to force the removal of the boat. The waiver of the solid waste disposal fees would encourage owners to properly dispose of unwanted boats and could reduce their abandonment on waterways and shorelines.

At the February 17, 2005 Council meeting, the Council approved the attached letter to be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners and approved requesting the Board's consideration, by Agenda, at the Board's March 8, 2005 meeting. The Council approved Chairman Tom McGill to make the presentation, and in his absence, Vice-Chairman Mike Cunningham.

The Brevard County Marine Advisory Council was established by Resolution No. 99-258 to advise the Board on issues relating to marine and boating related matters, boating improvement projects, enhanced marine safety and education projects, and waterway improvements. Resolution No. 01-216 was approved adopting the Council's Mission Statement and Scope of Work. The Council's Mission Statement is: "The Brevard County Marine Council provides advice and guidance to the Board of County Commissioners. The scope of work includes all marine related issues to insure a well-maintained, safe, healthy, and friendly marine environment for the residents and visiting user of our marine resources."

COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS: The Solid Waste Department does not keep statistics related to the disposal of vessels. The Council intends the waiver of these fees would encourage owners to dispose of vessels at the solid waste sites thereby reducing the potential of dangerous conditions and contamination created by the abandoning of vessels within the waterways.

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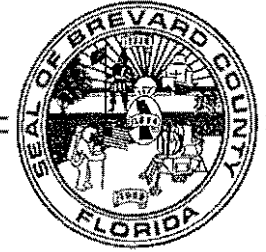
Contact: Marsha Cantrell; 633-2046; mcantrell@brevardparks.com

Exhibits: February 17, 2005 Letter from Brevard County Marine Advisory Council

Consent/Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney Yes No

County Manager's Office
Peggy Busacca
Interim County Manager

Department
Charles S. Nelson *CSN*
Parks and Recreation Department Director



February 17, 2005

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Brevard County Marine Advisory Council
SUBJECT: Derelict/Abandoned Vessel Program

The Brevard County Marine Advisory Council has been concentrating on the Derelict/Abandoned Vessel Problem in our marine environment.

A plan and procedure through the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission is in place, but the process is lengthy and does not present a realistic picture of cost for removal. Grant funding has been deleted from the Florida State Budget for two years now and we understand our Legislative delegation will address these problems in Tallahassee.

The Council would like to see prevention of eventual abandonment of vessels by private owners. For some time now the disposal of such vessels at our landfill has been excluded for solid waste assessment, and a charge per ton applied for such disposal. We would like to encourage the Board of County Commissioners to waive charges for the disposal of private vessels by including them as part of the annual solid waste assessment.

The same consideration should apply for marinas and marine service operators, who through negligence of boat owners are burdened with such cost.

The effects of the recent hurricane season have dramatically increased the problem. The Council requests the Commissioners to reinstate the waiver of the disposal fees by including them as part of the annual assessment. Attached is the last Derelict Vessel Survey listing received from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Division of Law Enforcement.

cc: Peggy Busacca, Interim County Manager
Don Lusk, Assistant County Manager
Euripides Rodriquez, Solid Waste Director
Charles S. Nelson, Parks and Recreation Department Director