



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**TO:** CRA  
**FROM:** Mark Tait  
**CC:** Doug Bradshaw  
**DATE:** March 24, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Amending Ordinance Section 81-32: Unlawful Docking and Mooring (Requiring Pump-out)

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**ACTION STATEMENT:** The purpose of this item is encourage anchored vessels to adhere to the No Discharge Zones of Monroe County and the City of Key West by requiring dinghies that use the dinghy dock at Key West Bight show proof of regular pump-out of their accompanying anchored vessels.

**BACKGROUND:** The waters surrounding Key West are designated as a no discharge zone. Monroe County has implemented a program that provides free sewage pump-out for all anchored vessels in unincorporated Monroe County. Because of this program the City Manager of Key West believes that there is no excuse for anchored vessels in unincorporated Monroe County not to pump out. Anchoring in the incorporated waters of Key West is prohibited. To help enforce the no discharge zone, dinghies from anchored vessels will not be allowed to dock at the Key West Bight Dinghy Dock or 2-hour courtesy dock unless the owner can show proof that his or her anchored vessel regular pump out.

Attached are proposed changes to City Ordinance Section 81-32 that will require proof of pump-out.

### OPTIONS:

1. The City Commission can approve the ordinance change.
2. The City Commission can make changes to the ordinance and approve.
3. The City Commission can disagree with the ordinance change and give staff direction

### ADVANTAGES/ DISADVANTAGES:

- Requiring dinghies to provide proof that their anchored vessels are being pumped out will help enforce the no pump out zone designation for Monroe County and the City of Key West.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** There will be two financial impacts when this ordinance changes are implemented:

1. There may be a drop in dinghy revenue if anchored boaters refuse to supply proof of pump-out in which case they will not be allowed to pay to dock at the dinghy dock.

2. Impound fees will help offset staff time to monitor and cleanse the dinghy dock of illegal or non-conforming dinghies.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Key West Bight Board and City Staff recommend that the City Commission approve the changes to City Ordinance 81-32 to reflect the policy.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Ordinance 81-32 Current  
Ordinance 81-32 Proposed  
Ordinance 81-32 Redlined  
Dinghy Dock Policy 2013  
Pump-Out USA Sticker