

RESOLUTION NO. 21-241

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO FUND AND EXPEDITE AN ANCHORAGE STUDY OF KEY WEST NEARSHORE WATERS, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 327.4109; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that a comprehensive study of the anchorage surrounding Key West would provide data to inform and enable local, state and federal government agencies to create policy aimed at providing sufficient capacity for mooring fields and stored vessels, thus reducing the number of derelict vessels that negatively impact marine navigation and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 327.4109, was amended in 2019, to include subsection (6)(a)-(f) which provides that "the commission shall conduct, or contract with a private vendor to conduct, for not longer than 2 years, a study of the impacts of long-term stored vessels on local communities and this state"; and

WHEREAS, the Statute provides specific criteria for a study to address - including the impacts of stored vessels, vessels anchored or moored outside of public mooring fields

for more than 30 days, and vessels moored within public mooring fields on local and state economies and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the study authorized in F.S. Statute Sec. 327.4109(6) is contingent upon funding appropriation by the Legislature, and expires on January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the study described by F.S. Section 327.4109(6) is essential and time-sensitive, and accordingly the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is urged to fund and expedite an anchorage study in Key West nearshore waters; and

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

Section 1: That the City Commission urges the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to fund and expedite an anchorage study in Key West nearshore waters, pursuant to Florida Statute 327.4109(6) (b).

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Governor Ron DeSantis, FL Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez, and FL Representative James "Jim" Mooney.

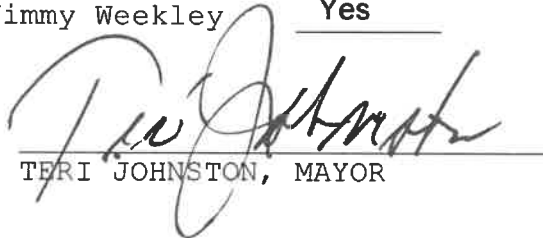
Section 3: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this 3rd day of November, 2021.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on 5th day of November, 2021.

Filed with the Clerk on November 5, 2021.

Mayor Teri Johnston	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Gregory Davila	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	<u>Yes</u>


TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK