

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2022, TO REQUIRE VERIFICATION OF PUMP OUT SERVICES FOR VESSEL OWNERS USING THE KEY WEST BIGHT DINGHY DOCK; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, requiring pump out verification for vessels is an important step to preserve and improve Key West's nearshore waters and protect the entire Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is undertaking a rule-making process to implement new state regulations requiring boaters in the anchorage to move their vessels a minimum of every ninety (90) days. In addition, the State of Florida pursuant to Florida Statute 327.4109 (6) (b) has directed the FWC to perform a study to assess the needs and recommendations for liveaboard and stored vessels in the anchorage areas surrounding Key West; and

WHEREAS, the dinghy dock site at the Key West Bight is an important resource supporting liveaboard vessels and visitors in the anchorage areas near Key West. The dinghy

dock is also an optimum point of contact to monitor the use of pump out services in the anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the City Manager should develop a plan to require verification of pump out services for each vessel owner utilizing the KW Bight dinghy dock (with limited and appropriate exceptions deemed necessary by city legal and management staff), to support the existing raft of federal, state and county regulations prohibiting unlawful discharges within the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, enforcement of vessel pump out regulations by any means necessary will enhance the health, welfare or safety of residents of the City of Key West; and

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

Section 1: That the City Manager is directed to develop and implement a plan by January 1, 2022, to require verification of pump out services for each vessel owner utilizing the Key West Bight dinghy dock, with limited, reasonable and appropriate exceptions deemed necessary by City staff.

Section 2: 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Filed with the Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Mayor Teri Johnston	_____
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Gregory Davila	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

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TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK