

Madam Mayor and esteemed Commissioners,

My name is Jimmy Bailey, I am a native born Key Wester and have been working on boats in Key West for 48 years. For the last 25 years I have had a lease with the City at Charter Boat Row, slip #11 Amberjack Pier.

On March 23, 2020, the City sent out a letter telling me I had to stop working because of the Covid 19 Virus. That same day I received another letter telling me that my rent would be due for April. I could not figure out then and I still can't figure out now how I can pay my rent without working. It's the only way I have to make money.

I know that many of the other people at our dock are in the same place I am, and to make it worse, we are going into the slow season. Everyone knows this is a seasonal business and the months we were shut down were some of the best. With your help I think we can make it through this. Without it, "Historic Charter Boat Row " might just be history.

I would like to ask the City to issue a rent abatement for April, May and June to the tenants at Charter Boat Row. Stopping me from making a dime, made it impossible for me to pay my dock rent .

Thank You,

Captain Jimmy Bailey

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