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City of Dania Beach

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Dania Beach, FL 33004

RE: Fire Rescue Assessment – Request for amendment of Non Ad-Valorem Assessment

Dania Beach Marina Corp., and Dania Beach Boat Club Condominium Association, Inc. located at 90 North Bryan Road adjacent to the C-10 canal, respectfully requests a hearing be placed on the next eligible Agenda for the City Commission for the City of Dania Beach, Florida, for consideration of a revision/amendment the prior years' Resolution No. 2014-082, for the Fire Rescue Services, Facilities and Programs, Re-Imposing Fire Rescue Assessment, as it applies to small (less than 1,999 square feet) boat storage units dedicated to that use and owned in condominium format.

As illustrated in the documents attached for your review, the application of the assessment based on previous years calculations results in a disproportionate and inequitable payment by this facility resulting from merely being owned as condominium units. Kindly note these units are small boxes of air outlined with metal bracing and suspended wood slats to hold boats. This facility is not allowed, as now permitted, to provide marina services such as maintenance, repair or fuel. It is dedicated to dry dock boat storage only.

May we propose creating an additional category under NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY USE CATEGORIES, that would more appropriately assess this actual use.

The previous (2014) fire rescue assessment, as applied, causes this facility to pay more than all of the other dry stack marinas in this city combined because of the minimum amount on a per unit basis of \$412.25 annually. For the 210 Units, that comes to \$86,572.50. The largest full service marina with one folio would be \$10,306.06. If this facility was not owned in condominium format, the fire rescue assessment would be \$7,214.24 (***12 times more than the comparable rate***).

In an effort to place these units on an equal/comparable footing with boat storage facilities of comparable size and number of slips, please consider the following. The marina assessment for this size marina (\$7,214.24) divided it by the number of slips at this marina (210), which results in \$34.35 per unit. May we suggest the requested revision to the rate and category designation at \$40.00 per unit, so this facility would contribute \$8,400.00 per annum to the Fire Rescue Services.

Please advise as to when this matter will be eligible to be posted to an Agenda for public hearing so we may present our case to the City Commission.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of

***Dania Beach Marina Corp. and
Dania Beach Boat Club Condominium Association, Inc.***

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PROPERTY USE CATEGORIES	Rate Per Dwelling Unit		
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Residential	Per Dwelling Unit	\$160.00	
	Vacant Per Acreage	\$272.80	
	Institutional / Assembly / Educational Per Acreage	\$394.59	
NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY USE CATEGORIES	Building classification (in square footage range)	< 1,999	Commercial / Hotel-Motel / Medical
		2,000 - 3,499	Industrial/ Warehouse
		3,500 - 4,999	
		5,000 - 9,999	
Multiplier			
1			NON-RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM BOAT STORAGE (DEDICATED USE)
1.375		\$697.35	\$412.25
2.13		\$958.85	\$566.83
3.75		\$1,481.86	\$876.01
		\$2,615.04	\$1,545.90

Tax Year	Dania Fire	Total Facility
2005	\$ 35.00	\$ 7,350.00
2006	\$ 37.00	\$ 7,770.00
2007	\$ 41.00	\$ 8,610.00
2008	\$ 47.00	\$ 9,870.00
2009	\$ 56.00	\$ 11,760.00
2010	\$ 330.88	\$ 69,484.80
2011	\$ 330.88	\$ 69,484.80
2012	\$ 330.88	\$ 69,484.80
2013	\$ 412.50	\$ 86,625.00
2014	\$ 412.50	\$ 86,625.00
2015		

