



City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting Date:		File No.:		Item Type:		1 st Reading		2 nd Reading			
9/29/2025		25-437		<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Ordinance Reading		9/29/2025		10/22/2025	
						Public Hearing		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
						Advertising Required		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
						Quasi-Judicial:		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fiscal Impact (\$):		Account Balance (\$):				Funding Source:		Project Number:			
N/A		N/A				N/A		N/A			
Contract Required:		P.O. Required:		RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:		Sponsor Name:		Department:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	N/A		Joy F. Cooper, Mayor Michele Lazarow, Vice Mayor		City Commission			
Strategic Plan Focus Areas:											
<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal Stability		<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Services		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety		<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure & Mobility		<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development & Affordable Housing			
Implementation Timeline:											
Estimated Start Date: N/A						Estimated End Date: N/A					

SHORT TITLE:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 28 OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC MOTOR VEHICLES AND BOATS" BY CREATING SECTION 28-12 ENTITLED, "ANCHORING LIMITATION AREAS" ESTABLISHING A AN OVERNIGHT ANCHORING LIMITATION AREA IN GOLDEN ISLES LAKE; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF SUMMARY:

The City of Hallandale Beach ("City) attracts residents and visitors from around the world, including boating enthusiasts operating vessels of all types, and many vessels seek to anchor in Golden Isles Lakes. Unfortunately, there has persisted an issue of

vessels utilizing the lake for long-term anchoring, and even the anchoring of vessels that appear abandoned.

The unregulated and unmanaged long-term anchoring may pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City, including its boaters and vessel owners, due to the illegal discharge of material detrimental to water quality and public health and threats to protected aquatic flora and fauna, including seagrasses. Further, the unregulated and unmanaged long-term anchoring, including long-term vessel storage in the Golden Isles Lake, prevents others from using the waters as intended, poses hazards to navigational safety, and may endanger public and private marine infrastructure such as docks, piers, seawalls and bridges, especially before and during storms.

At the request of the City Commission, the City administration has been researching and working on the creation of an anchoring limitation area and mooring field within the lake. Previously, the anchoring limitation area had to be created by the county. However, during the 2025 Florida Legislative Session, the Florida Legislature enacted, and the Governor signed into law, Ch. 2025-39, Laws of Florida, amending Fla. Stat. 327.60(2)(f) to include a new subsection, which now authorizes counties with a population of more than 1.5 million, including municipalities within those counties, to regulate overnight anchoring within the waters of their jurisdiction by creating Anchoring Limitation Areas.

The City lies entirely within Broward County, with a population greater than 1.5 million, and is therefore eligible to create overnight Anchoring Limitation Areas pursuant to Fla. Stat. 327.60(2)(f)3. The proposed ordinance creates an Anchoring Limitation Area within Golden Isles Lakes, with the potential of creating new Areas as the need arises. Vessels shall be restricted from anchoring anywhere within an Anchoring Limitation Area for a period of 1 hour or more between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise for more than 30 days in any 6-month period. It creates an enforcement process, which includes an initial warning for any violators. Fines are based on statutory maximum limits.

If the ordinance passes, the City will need to pursue signage and permitting from the State.

In accordance with Section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes, the City estimates that the proposed Ordinance will have no direct economic impact on private, for-profit businesses in the City of Hallandale Beach; that the designated anchoring limitation area is not intended for use by commercial businesses; that the proposed Ordinance will have no direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur; that the proposed Ordinance will not impose any new charge or fee for which businesses will be financially responsible; and that the proposed Ordinance will not impact the City of Hallandale Beach; and that the proposed Ordinance will not impact the City of Hallandale Beach's regulatory costs and will not generate any revenue from new charges or fees to businesses. The City estimates that no businesses are likely to be impacted by the proposed Ordinance.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Ordinance