

CODE FOR TOWING ABANDONED OR DERELICT VESSELS
FROM PARKS & MUNICIPAL DOCKS

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Ron Schmidt <ronspdxus@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 8:55 AM
To: Parsons, Susan; Moore-Love, Karla
Cc: Commissioner Saltzman; Commissioner Fish; Commissioner Fritz; Wheeler, Mayor; Commissioner Eudaly
Subject: Support of Agenda Item 339 Derelict Boats

Susan & Karla:

Could you enter this as written testimony in support of Agenda Item *339? Can you give a time window of when you expect the Council to discuss this? Thank you!

Good Morning Mayor and Council Members:

I serve on the Waterfront Organizations of Oregon Board, the Hayden Island Neighborhood Network Board (recognized by ONI) and reside in Jantzen Beach Moorage and am a member of Portland Yacht Club. I just found this resolution is in front of the Council today and have not had time to get approval to promote this resolution in an official capacity but but so personally. I would expect that these organizations would promote this resolution if they had time to discuss and decide - I will notify them immediately of your agenda.

I am confident the City Council is aware of the anchored transient boat problem away from the city docks and parks. Please be aware of another problem developing beyond derelict and transient boats - that of derelict and transient floats. There are now "nonboat" floating structures being anchored to the submerged lands - river bottoms - that need to be dealt with. I hope you will support the other governmental agencies, the Division of State Lands, the Multnomah County River Patrol and others, in dealing with this problem within the city limits.

Both of these issues - boats and "non boats" are severe problems in that the pollution emanating from them - human waste, petrochemical, possible drugs - are health and life safety issues for the residents of Portland. I am grateful the City Council recognizes them as problems and is taking emergency action to deal with them. Please consider the floating structures in your discussions.

As a recreational boater, I am grateful you are dealing with the issues at your docks as it has affected our desire to visit downtown Portland and spend money in shopping, dining, entertainment and more while overnighing in Portland. The word is getting out into the regional boating community of the conditions when boating to Portland, I hope this will help clean up our community image in attracting visitors via water.

Please reach out if you want additional testimony from those who live, work and recreate on our waters which are the pulse of the community. You are welcome to attend and present at our various community organization meetings. I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

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Today's Agenda Item *339 Amend City Code to provide for towing of abandoned or derelict vessels from parks and municipal docks, subject to appeal to the Code Hearings Officer (Previous Agenda 307; amend Code Section 19.16.060) 15 minutes requested

Emergency Ordinance in front of Council today <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/article/633592>

City Code on Municipal Boat Landings <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/citycode/article/17843>

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More Contact Info (<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/citycode/article/15472>)

19.16.060 Municipal Boat Landings.

(Amended by Ordinance No. 169986, effective May 10, 1996.)

A. As used in this Section, the following words and terms have the meanings indicated unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

1. "PP&R" shall mean the City of Portland, Bureau of Parks and Recreation. Where appropriate, the term "PP&R" also refers to the staff and employees of Portland Parks and Recreation.
2. "Facility" shall mean PP&R floats, piers, mooring buoys, and boat landings.
3. "Commercial vessel" shall mean a vessel which is used, rigged, or licensed for any commercial use or purpose, and shall include watercraft operated within the terms of a concession lease or agreement with PP&R.
4. "Length" shall mean the overall length of a watercraft.
5. "Night" shall mean any period of time between 3 PM and 9 AM.
6. "Docking Season" shall mean the period of time between May 1 and September 30.
7. "Director" refers to the Director of PP&R also known as the Superintendent of Parks.

B. The operator of recreational watercraft may use a municipal boat landing for recreational purposes only. It is unlawful to use a municipal boat landing for any purpose other than recreation without prior written permission of the Director of Parks.

C. No person shall moor or berth a watercraft of any type in a PP&R owned or operated park or marine area except in designated marine park areas and at designated facilities.

D. It is unlawful to moor a watercraft at a municipal boat landing for a period exceeding 24 hours or while the parks is closed, without prior written permission of the Director. The Harbor Master may permit a craft to be moored at a municipal boat landing for more than 24 hours only when the craft is inoperable and reasonable additional time is needed to repair it.

E. Use of any PP&R marine facility shall be on a first come, first served basis unless otherwise permitted by PP&R. Reserving or retaining space to moor or berth a watercraft at any facility, by means of a dinghy or any method other than occupying the space by the watercraft to be moored or obtaining a permit through the PP&R Reservation Center, shall not be permitted.

F. Open flames or live coals, or devices containing or using open flames, live coals, or combustible materials, including but not limited to barbecues, hibachis, stoves and heaters, shall not be permitted on PP&R marine facilities.

G. No swimming, diving, or sunbathing is permitted on or within 50 feet of PP&R marine facilities and municipal boat landings.

H. The mooring of any craft in violation of this section may result in eviction from moorage, in addition to any other penalty prescribed by law.

I. The Director is authorized to issue any rules and establish any fees with the Director deems necessary to operate and maintain all municipal Boat Landings and Marine Facilities.

J. Enforcement of the provisions in the Section shall be conducted by either the Director of Parks, the Harbor Master, the Chief of Police, the Multnomah County Sheriff, or their appointed designees.

K. Use of docks governed by this Section is also subject to all applicable provisions of law, including, without limitation, the provisions of Chapters 20.08, Parks & Recreation - Permits and 20.12 Parks & Recreation - Prohibited Conduct, of this Code.

L. The City of Portland, its officers, and employees are not liable for any personal injury or property damage resulting from maintenance or use of a municipal boat landing.

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Susan <susan@bluemoonastrology.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject: City Council #339 4.5.17
Attachments: IMG_0756.JPG

From: "Mary ENGRAV" <gengrav@icloud.com>
Subject: **Illegal boat docking**

Hello Commissioners,

For 5 years we have been dealing with the issue of illegal boat docking. We watch as these boats dock near Riverplace and Poet's Beach, and witness very concerning behaviors. As you know our crime rate in Portland is soaring.

I have contacted the city over 15 times regarding these boats. For two boats that are near Three Degrees, I have sent 7 notifications in 7 months that these boats are docked illegally and dumping human waste into the water. I have sent photos ever time. These boats have now actually installed their own dock! Why does our city allow this in our river?

WHY does the city not enforce our laws? When did it become acceptable to dump human waste into the river? We have trash and litter everywhere on our beaches from this. Our city administration is letting the rivers, parks, and green areas of Portland be destroyed for everyone. Parents can't let their kids play safely in these areas anymore. This is the legacy that the City is leaving..

Mary Engrav

This photo is off the dock, but the boats move on and off the docks, using Parks property.



Sent from my iPhone

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From: Susan <susan@bluemoonastrology.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 10:17 AM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject: Council agenda #339 4.5.17
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To the Commissioners.

From: Elisabeth Weltin <lise.weltin@gmail.com>
Date: April 4, 2017 at 8:47:05 AM PDT
To: Susan <susan@bluemoonastrology.com>
Subject: Re: Alert: Important City Council Meeting tomorrow, Wed 4/5/17

The removal of derelict boats is indeed a huge step in the right direction, I belong to Morning Madness, a dragon boat team. The filth we see floating in the river is unbelievable, Many of the boats have dogs and we have witnessed how their residues are simply washed from deck,

Elisabeth

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Susan <susan@bluemoonastrology.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 10:25 AM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject: In support of #339 4.5.17

Note: This email mentions boats on the Parks docks as well as anchored boats on DSL territory. Citizens often blame PDX for these anchored boats. We hope to have PDX work with DSL.

Susan West

From: Connie Cavagnaro <conniecavagnaro@comcast.net>
Date: April 4, 2017 at 10:17:17 AM PDT
To: Susan West <susan@bluemoonastrology.com>
Subject: **Derelict boats moored at Parks docks**

Hello Susan,

I am a paddler who is on the Willamette River at least five days per week, year round, on a dragon boat, 6-person outrigger canoe or my personal 1-person outrigger canoe. Over the years, I have watched the docks at Sellwood Park, Willamette Park and RiverPlace change from family friendly places to recreate and enjoy the river, to shanty towns of derelict boats taking all of the mooring space.

I have observed multiple drug deals, fights and brawls, and the Parks docks being taken over by the possessions of those living on the derelict boats. This includes countless bicycles and bike parts that I suspect may be stolen.

What kind of image does this present of our city?

It is often frightening to go near the docks, and I have observed that the general public sometimes wisely stays away. But this is wrong. These are public docks that all citizens should be allowed to enjoy. I believe that the Parks docks are not intended to be private moorages where unlicensed and derelict boats can feel free to moor for months at a time.

I have never seen the bilge cleaning service boat at any of the derelict boats in all the time I spend on the water. And I am tired of seeing human feces floating in the river.

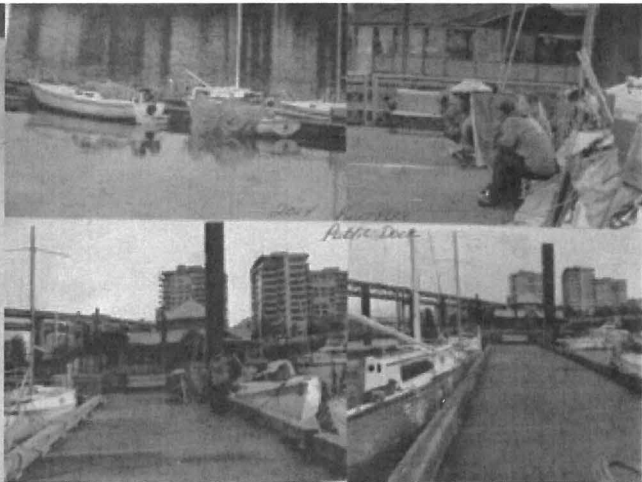
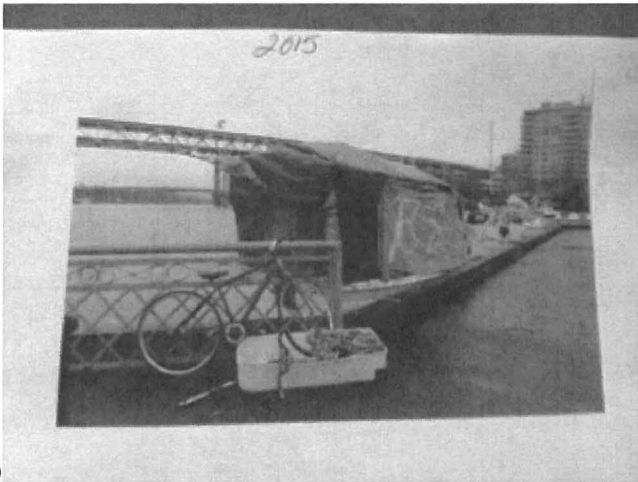
Thank you for sharing this with our City Commissioners.

Connie Cavagnaro
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Portland, OR 97219

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Laura Scott <scottlaurah@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 2:52 PM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject: #339 4/5/2017 Council Agenda item RP photos

Dear Mr. Mayor and Commissioners, This is what the dock at RiverPlace looks like without the Park Rangers. Please approve funding for the Park Rangers so we can have a safe and secure public dock for all to enjoy . As you know, paddlers use it every day of the year, the Christmas Ships are a highlight at the holidays, visiting boaters dock there to enjoy the concerts and fireworks, and the list goes on. I have lived at RiverPlace for many years and know for a fact that locals and visitors from around the world enjoy the public dock on the Willamette River in the heart of the city. Please help keep it safe and clean for all, Laura Scott Friends of RiverPlace



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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Susan <susan@bluemoonastrology.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Cc: will@humanaccessproject.com
Subject: Testimony City Council 339 4.5.17
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My testimony is in the attached file.

Susan West
Friends of RiverPlace
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Submitted by
Susan West
4/5/2017

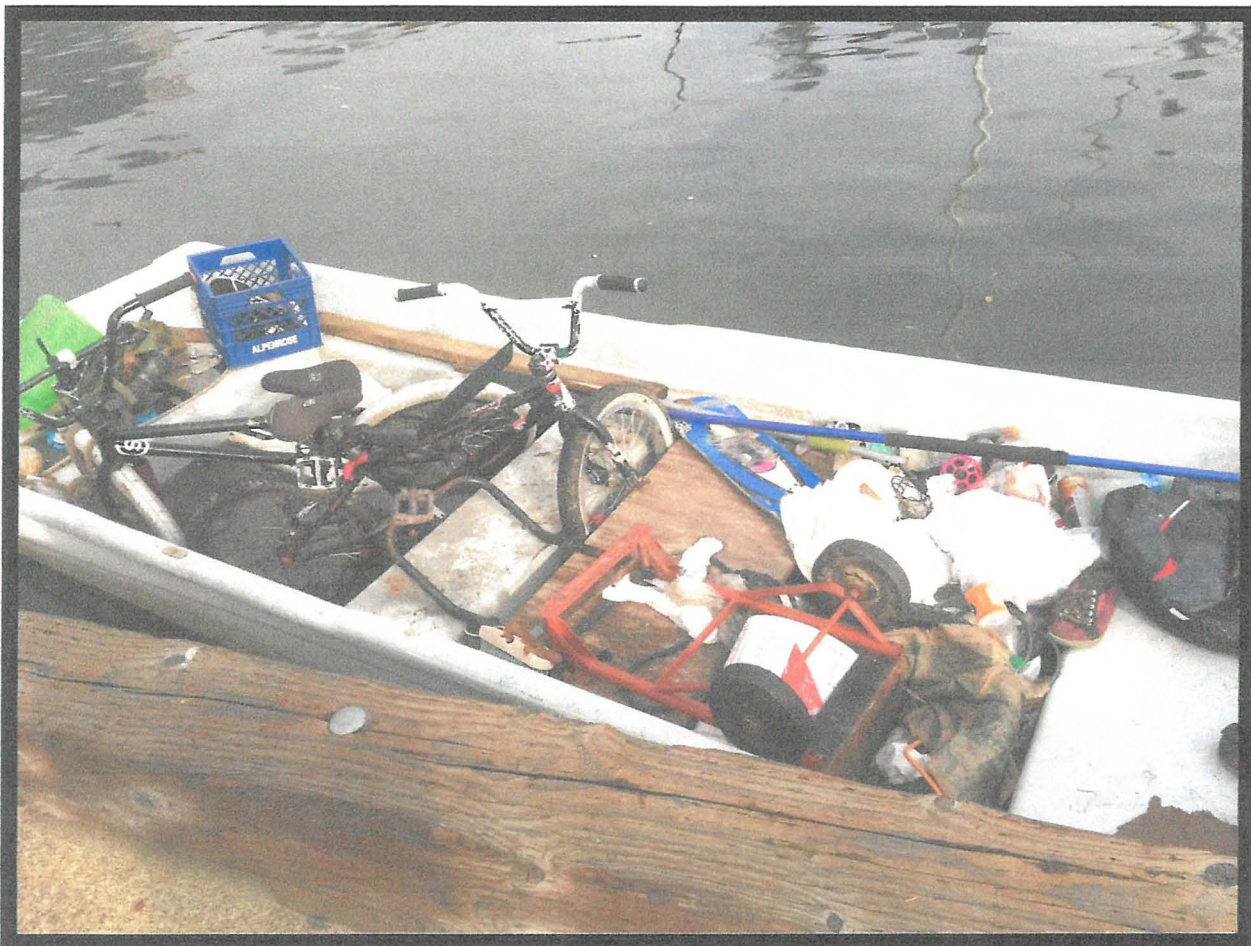
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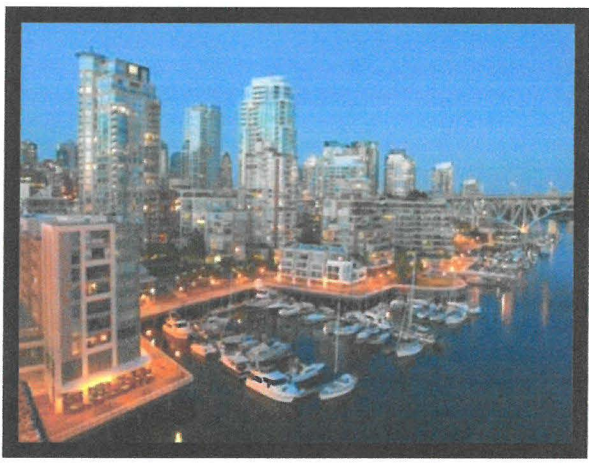
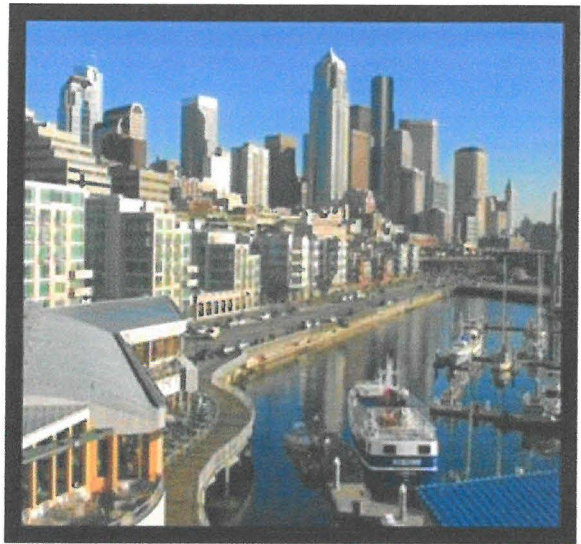


Welcome to PDX &
RiverPlace.
Tom McCall would turn
over in his grave.

Please authorize and
fund Park's ability
to tow illegal boats.



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Compare Portland's docks.



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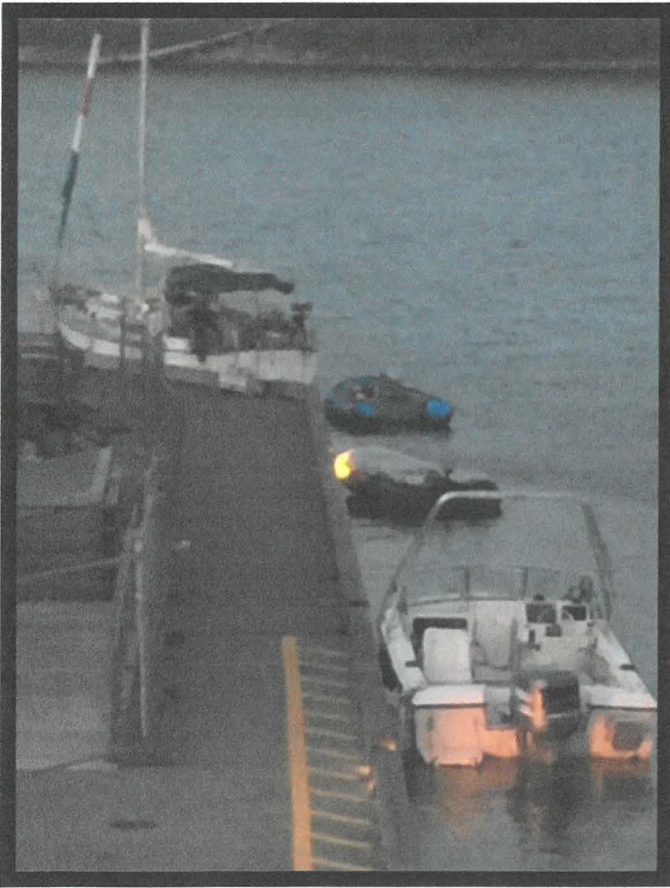


← this is actually a "boat"
on the dock. It's a mess.



Animal abuse -
poop on docks
+ in river -

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Note the terrible mess by the restaurant on the south dock. The restaurant has remained closed because of the criminal activity and mess from boats. The pirates also steal electricity and anything else they find. What are they doing to our waterfront?

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Agenda item #339

Dear Mayor Wheeler and our City Commissioners

Please amend the City Code to allow Parks to tow illegal and often dangerous boats off Park's Docks.

The Mighty Willamette River is the artery to our city. We are a laughing stock all around the world as we allow a few people to take our docks hostage and dump raw sewage on the docks and in our fine river.

Parks are vitally important to a healthy city. Friends of RiverPlace is asking the city to give Parks the authority and funds to protect our best asset.

Photos included are taken on the RiverPlace North and South Breakwater Docks, in front of the Esplanade, by 3 major hotels, a school, disabled, elderly, businesses, dragon boaters, event attendees and residents.

You will be happy to note that I did not include photos of human and dog excrement, which are commonly seen by the hundreds of people that pass through here each day.

Park Rangers, maintenance and security have been unfairly burdened with these issues and need your backing. We want city regulations respected. We want our beautiful city back. We want Christmas ships to dock without being burgled. We want our blind paddlers, high schoolers and elderly to walk safely to their dragon boats.

Friends of RiverPlace want to stop picking up their trash and needles every day.

Respectfully,

Your hard-working Friends of RiverPlace

Susan West

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Moore-Love, Karla

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Subject: FW: To the City Council 339 4.5.17

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