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**Memorandum**
**March 3, 2010**

**To:** Mayor Adams  
 Commissioner Fish  
 Commissioner Fritz  
 Commissioner Leonard  
 Commissioner Saltzman

**From:** Paul L. Scarlett, Director *PLS*  
 Bureau of Development Services

**Subject:** Proposed amendments to Title 28 which will improve service levels and safety within the River Community.

Attached is a proposed ordinance amending Title 28, the City's Floating Structures Code. The proposed changes will:

- Clarify the authority of the Director of the Bureau of Development Services to delegate certain enforcement duties to the Harbormaster.
- Create an exception to local permitting requirements for floating structures that are manufactured within the City but destined for export and use outside of the City.
- Clarify requirements for training and certification of Floating Structures Inspectors.
- Clarify permitting requirements for certain repair and replacement activities for moorages, marinas and floating structures.
- Allow needed flexibility in selection of members for the River Community Advisory Committee.

Title 28 was substantially rewritten and adopted in December, 2007. The River Community Advisory Committee has met throughout calendar year 2009. In the course of the Committee's work the substantive changes noted above were identified and recommended to the Director. BDS staff has worked in conjunction with the Committee to develop and refine these proposed changes. Additional input was provided by the Floating Structures Board of Appeals and various individuals representing the River Community.

Perhaps the most notable change is the permit exception for structures to be located outside of the City. Given there are no Statewide building permit requirements for floating structures, the current code language created an unintended disadvantage to businesses located within the City who manufacture floating structures for export outside the City.

The intent of the proposed changes is to improve safety by more efficient enforcement of Title 28, support a business friendly environment, encourage continued feedback from the River Community, and establish reasonable and prudent training protocols for City staff.