

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE USE OF CITY PIER FACILITIES BY COMMERCIAL VESSELS

A. General Objectives

City pier facilities are available for commercial vessel docking. A commercial vessel is defined as any passenger carrying vessel maintained for hire by the public or any vessel used for the production of income. The following regulations are designed to protect City pier facilities from excessive or improper use and to serve the public interest. These regulations apply to applicants seeking use of City pier facilities for commercial vessel docking on an occasional basis. Occasional is defined as not more than four (4) times in any given month. Requests for docking more than four times a month are considered to be permanent, long-term or regularly scheduled and must appear before City Council.

B. Procedures for Rental Permits

The application for use of City pier facilities will be processed on a first come first served basis.

The vessel owner/designee will contact the Department of Recreation to obtain an application for a visiting commercial vessel. The application must be submitted to the Department not less than 14 days prior to the requested rental date.

Applications will be reviewed for space availability. Fees will be assigned upon approval of the application. Fees are due 30 days prior to the date the pier facility will be used. Checks are payable to the City of Alexandria and may be mailed or delivered to: City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, City Marina/Capital Development Division, 1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

Prior to the issuance of any permit pursuant to these regulations, each applying permittee shall acknowledge in writing that they have received a copy of these regulations and that they have examined and do fully understand each provision.

The Department reserves the right to deny permission for vessel docking as it sees fit.

C. Rental Fees

A fee will be charged to all applicants for use of a City pier facility (**see fee schedule**).

D. Accidents and Liabilities

In consideration for the privilege of mooring, tying-up, beaching or landing any boat, ship, yacht or other vessel at this dock, wharf, pier or other docking facility controlled by the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and which permission is now extended by the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, through the City Manager or her/his designee, the permittee fully and forever releases and discharges the City of Alexandria, Virginia, its employees or agents for any claim arising from any and all injuries, losses and damages to person or property sustained or received from the privilege afforded in this agreement, or for any action taken by the City of Alexandria, its agents, or employees to remove a vessel subsequent to the expiration of this privilege, as specified in paragraph E.

E. Vessel Removal

This privilege shall extend for the period of time specified in the permit. The vessel shall be removed from City pier facilities no later than the expiration of this permit. Failure to remove the vessel upon expiration of the permit will result in City removal. Permittee acknowledges that the permittee shall repay all costs associated with the City's removal of the vessel from the City pier facility, and further acknowledges that remaining at the pier facility past the expiration of the lease term without the consent of City Council or its designee, is a class three (3) misdemeanor in violation of section 13-1-36 of City code.

F. Prohibited Activities

No sewage disposal shall be permitted at a City pier facility unless an approved connection has been made to the City sanitary system.

No trash disposal shall be permitted at a City pier facility unless a trash receptacle has been made available by the City at the expense of the vessel.

No waste oil removal from a vessel shall be permitted at a City pier facility.

No tickets shall be sold on a City pier facility.

No vehicles are permitted on a City pier facility, on the turf area or walking trails of a City park. All deliveries by caterers, ect., must be carried on dollies to the pier.

The operation of the applicant's vessel may not interfere with the Alexandria School Rowing Facility program or marina operations.

G. Vessel Certification

The permittee will comply with all federal, state and municipal laws and regulations to ensure that their vessel and crew are certified as appropriate and that its operations are carried on in a safe and nonhazardous manner. The permittee's vessel shall be registered under federal and state laws.

Vessels for hire must have a current Certification of Inspection issued by the United States Coast Guard. Vessels are required to provide a copy of this certification with the application.

H. City Responsibility

The City will attempted to keep the docking facility granted by the permit free and clear of unauthorized vessels but shall be under no obligation to do so.

I. Assignment of Docking Spaces

The Dockmaster is responsible for the assignment of docking space at the City Marina for all pleasure and commercial vessels, tall ships, and reserved uses for privately and publicly sponsored events.

A. Torpedo Factory South Pier (“A” and “B” Piers)

The east end of the Torpedo Factory South Pier is intended for use by commercial vessels over 40 feet in length but no more than 80 feet in length.

B. Founder's Park North Pier (“T” Pier)

The end of the Founder's Park North Pier (called “T”-pier) is used for large transient and commercial vessels. This space can accommodate boats up to 200+ feet in length and offers three (3) 50 amp and one (1) 100 amp service and water (in season).