

Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Pilot Commissioners

Pilotage Rate Review Committee

The Board of Pilot Commissioners announces a petition for a change in the rates of pilotage charged by the licensed state pilots and certified deputy pilots at Port of Fort Pierce has been filed with the Pilotage Rate Review Committee, pursuant to Section 310.151, Florida Statutes and Chapter 61G14, Florida Administrative Code.

The last rate change granted Port of Fort Pierce was March 23, 2010. The board intends to consider the following requested rate change for Port of Fort Pierce.

The petition requests the following changes:

Draft charge increased from \$26.60 per foot with a 10 foot minimum to \$30.00 per foot with a 20 foot minimum.

Tonnage charge remains the same at \$0.060 per GT with an increase in minimum GT from 2000 GT to 5000 GT.

Docking/undocking charges increased from \$0 to \$250.00.

Shifting vessel will increase from a minimum charge of \$386 to a minimum charge of \$900.

Detention/cancellation of pilot increased from \$0 per hour to \$250.00/\$500.00

A pilot boat fee in the amount equal to the amount billed to the pilot if boat is not provided by or obtained from owner/agent.

A \$400 travel surcharge for cross-licensed pilots not living in the Fort Pierce area.

A 5.0% increase per year for 10 years beginning January 1, 2021.

All interested parties may file an answer, an additional or alternative application, or any other applicable pleading or response, including all documentation in support thereof within thirty (30) days of this publication by May 26, 2021.

The Committee's site visit to Port of Fort Pierce and the hearing of the Rate Review Committee will be announced at a later date.

A copy of the petition as well as the report of the Investigative Committee (when it becomes available) may be obtained by contacting: The Board of Pilot Commissioners/Pilotage Rate Review Committee, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)717-1982 and can be found at www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/harbor-pilots/pilotage-rate-review/

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If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: The Board of Pilot Commissioners/Pilotage Rate Review Committee, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)717-1981.

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