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# **NEWPORT BEACH**

## **Harbor Commission Staff Report**

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Agenda Item No. 7.2

**TO:** HARBOR COMMISSION

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**TITLE:** Resolution Adopting Onshore Mooring Specification Revisions

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**ABSTRACT:**

At the June 11, 2025 Harbor Commission meeting, Commissioners agreed to update the onshore mooring specifications and directed staff to return with a resolution reflecting the changes.

This action will adopt the resolution.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- 2) Approve staff recommendation to adopt Harbor Commission Resolution HC2025-1 updating onshore mooring specifications

**FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

**DISCUSSION:**

At the June 11, 2025, Harbor Commission meeting, proposed revisions to the specifications for onshore moorings were discussed. It is the responsibility of the Harbor Commission to establish the specifications for mooring equipment.

After considering input from the public, the Commissioners agreed to revisions and directed staff to return with a resolution reflecting the changes. The changes included:

- Adoption of the new onshore mooring specifications that set a single required weight of 300 pounds for all onshore moorings

Further provisions in the resolution include:

- For moorings with no vessel assigned that do not meet the newly adopted specifications, the permittees will have until their next overhaul or 12/31/2025 to come into compliance, whichever is first
- For moorings with an assigned vessel that meet the previous specifications, the permittees will have until their second overhaul subsequent to the newly adopted specification to come into compliance.

No provision in the resolution was needed to address those moorings that are not in compliance with the previous specifications, as they have been notified they have until their next overhaul to come into compliance.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

Staff recommends the Harbor Commission find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

**NOTICING:**

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the Harbor Commission considers the item).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – HC2025-1 Harbor Commission Resolution Adopting Updated Onshore Mooring Specifications