



## Legislation Text

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### **Recommendations Resulting from Commission Objective 2.3 to Improve Navigation Safety, Allow for Additional Moorings Within the Fields and Mooring Size Exchanges Requests**

At the Harbor Commission meeting of June 12, 2019, the Harbor Commission reviewed proposed amendments regarding offshore mooring extensions in conjunction with their 2018 Goals and Objectives to "Establish policies for modifications to mooring sizes". At that meeting, Commissioner Beer took responsibility for analyzing the mooring field layouts and drafting policies for review and consideration by the Harbor Commission. Commissioner Beer has conducted significant research with the aid of City staff and documented his findings. He continues to put significant effort into a proposal which will include optimizing the mooring field layouts, perhaps allowing for additional moorings as well as providing a pathway and policies for those offshore mooring permittees who wish to adjust the length of the mooring for which they are currently permitted.

This report and presentation will update the Harbor Commission on Commissioner Beer's efforts, process and research. The Commission will be asked to approve recommendations related to optimizing utilization of the mooring fields and allowing mooring permittees to request a permit exchange to mooring of a different size. The recommendations are included in proposed draft ordinance amending City of Newport Municipal Code, Title 17.

### **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) Review modify and/or approve changes proposed by the Harbor Commission subcommittee on improvements to the mooring fields and process for requesting a mooring size exchange and forward the recommendations to the City Council for consideration.