

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-_____

**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
Broward County, Florida**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 91, "BOATS AND WATER RECREATION," OF THE POMPANO BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 91.14, "WATER TAXIS," TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION OF WATER TAXI SERVICES IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to law, ten (10) days' notice has been given by publication in a paper of general circulation in the City, notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of a public hearing in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Pompano Beach; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing before the City Commission was held pursuant to the published notice described above, at which hearing the parties in interest and all other citizens so desiring had an opportunity to be and were, in fact, heard; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That Section 91.14, "Water Taxis," of Chapter 91, "Boats and Water Recreation," shall be amended as follows:

§ 91.14 WATER TAXIS.

(A) Business tax receipt required; enforcement. It shall be unlawful for any person or firm to operate water taxis without first obtaining from the city a regulatory business tax receipt, ~~and~~ paying the permit fee required for the right to operate each vessel authorized under the business tax receipt and entering into a License Agreement with the City. The City reserves the right to enter into an exclusive agreement with a Water Taxi provider if it determines that it is in the best interest of the City. **WATER TAXI** is defined as a vessel operating upon the inland public waterways within the city, transporting one or more passengers for a fare, and which is controlled by a person or firm in the business of offering waterborne public transportation.

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SECTION 2. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED FIRST READING this _____ day of _____, 2017.

PASSED SECOND READING this _____ day of _____, 2017.

LAMAR FISHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ASCELETA HAMMOND, CITY CLERK

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