

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: February 16, 2024

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Termination of Agreement Between Milwaukee County and City of Milwaukee Police Department Related to McKinley Marina dock usage and gasoline donation

File Type: Action Report

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**REQUEST**

Milwaukee County Parks is requesting termination of the agreement between Milwaukee County and City of Milwaukee Police Department Related to McKinley Marina as originally approved via Milwaukee County Board Resolution File #95-0863 on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1995.

**POLICY**

In 1995, via County Board Resolution File #95-0863, Milwaukee County entered into an agreement with City of Milwaukee Police Department Related to McKinley Marina.

“Milwaukee County agrees to annually provide two boat slips to the Police Department for water safety patrol activities and Milwaukee County agrees to provide up to \$10,000 worth of gasoline annually to Milwaukee Police Department for patrol boats.”

Wisconsin State Statutes:	
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	
Specific Adopted Budget:	
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	

**BACKGROUND**

In 1995, the State of Wisconsin Waterways Commission approved a Recreational Boating Facilities Grant of \$3.15 million for Milwaukee County. At a later date, Milwaukee County amended the project for McKinley Marina Breakwater which was jointly submitted by Milwaukee County and the City of Milwaukee. The amendment requested an additional 10% of State assistance as a credit for the joint Milwaukee County/City of Milwaukee Boating Safety and Education Program.

As part of that joint application, the City of Milwaukee agreed to continue to have the Police Department patrol the waterways and enforce all applicable laws and provide boater safety patrol training and education. In turn, Milwaukee County would continue to provide two boat slips at McKinley Marina at no cost to the Milwaukee Police Department as well as \$10,000 worth of motor fuel annually for patrol boat activities.

Milwaukee County Parks continues to abide by this agreement providing \$10,000 annually in fuel credit to the Milwaukee Police Department, and free slip rentals for all police boats, of which there were 4 in 2023. This agreement is subject to annual review by both the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County and can be terminated at anytime by either party. As such, Milwaukee County Parks requested that this resolution and agreement be reviewed by the Office of Corporation Counsel to determine feasibility of termination given the fiscal constraints of the Parks. OCC determined that the County Board could terminate the agreement since the funding was conditioned on the joint boating safety enforcement and education program, which no longer exists.

Additionally, Milwaukee County Parks reached out to the Department of Natural Resources to inquire about reimbursement for both slip rental and fuel costs for law enforcement departments. DNR confirmed that \$2,500 of slip rentals is subject to reimbursement and all fuel costs are as well. As such, Milwaukee County Parks is proposing to charge City of Milwaukee Police Department slip rental rate of \$2,500 per slip. This is a discount of \$2,767.63 from market rate for their total of four (4) slips.

Milwaukee County Parks is seeking to end this specific agreement to increase revenue and reinvest in McKinley Marina. Termination of this agreement would allow for Parks to charge all slip tenants that are government agencies in a fair and equitable manner. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting the termination of this agreement in an effort to collect revenues for the 2024 season to directly reinvest into the McKinley Marina.

Related File No's:	95-0863
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	

**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability

This action aims to enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability by not only collecting revenues directly related to incurred expenses, but also by reinvesting those revenues directly into the McKinley Marina.

**VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

None

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution
- Fiscal Note
- Attachment

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