

COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



Meeting Date: June 9, 2026
To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
From: Brian Bradley, Deputy City Manager
Through Steve Williams, Interim City Manager

Agenda Item: **Resolution 2026-51**, Rescinding Resolution 2023-33 Keeping Existing Fees And Fines And Waiving Fees For Military Veterans By Registering With The City.

BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION:

Staff was asked to add language to the existing resolution to provide free boat launch services and parking for military veterans who register with the city.

CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:

	Yes	No
1. Comprehensive Plan	___	___
2. Other _____	___	___
3. Not applicable _____		

FISCAL NOTE:

NA

RECOMMENDATION:

Council approve Resolution

Sponsored by: Mayor Del Gaizo

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2026-51**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MARATHON, FLORIDA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2023-33
KEEPING EXISTING FEES AND FINES AND WAIVING FEES FOR
MILITARY VETERANS BY REGISTERING WITH THE CITY.**

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2022 the City passed a resolution establishing fees for boat ramp usage and beach parking; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to modify the exemption to the parking fees for City Residents and Military Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the public boat ramps owned by the City of Marathon are currently providing boat launch services and parking at the boat ramps and Sombrero Beach free of charge; and

WHEREAS, the costs of operating and maintaining the ramps and Sombrero Beach are currently supported by the City's general revenue fund; and

WHEREAS, a fee of \$25.00 to launch in and retrieve, as well as a \$20 per day trailer parking would help defray the costs incurred by the City; and

WHEREAS, a fee of \$5 for each of the first two hours and \$2 per hour thereafter for parking at Sombrero Beach would help defray the costs incurred by the City for cleaning and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, a permanent resident of the City of Marathon and Key Colony Beach would be permitted to utilize the existing ramps and parking with a vehicle registered in Marathon or Key Colony at no cost; and

WHEREAS, property owners of residential homes who are not permanent residents also qualify for the free use of these facilities so long as they register with the City; and

WHEREAS, Military Veterans who are not residents also qualify for the free use of these facilities so long as they register with the City as outlined in Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, golf carts shall be deemed to be the same as a motor vehicle and are subject to the same fees; and

WHEREAS, the City, or it's agent of the parking management service contracted by the City, shall find that an owner or operator of a vehicle or trailer that has not paid the required fee or violates any other provision of a City Ordinance with regards to use of the facility shall be subject to

a fine to be issued by the City or it's parking management service provider; and

WHEREAS, the fines for such violations shall be \$90.00 per violation at Sombrero Beach, and \$200.00 at all boat ramp facilities, with said fines reduced by 50% if paid within 15 days from the notice of violation; and

WHEREAS, if any fines are unpaid and are referred to a third party for collections, the City or it's parking management service provider shall be entitled to recover any and all reasonable collection , administration fees, and attorney fees in addition to the unpaid fines; and

WHEREAS, if an owner or operator of a vehicle or trailer has been assessed four (4) or more violations that remain unpaid, and after notification of the fines to the registered owners of the vehicles, in addition to any other penalties or fines permitted, the vehicle and or trailers may be towed each time thereafter that it is in a metered lot, at the sole expense of the vehicle owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The Council hereby establishes a user fee for all City boat ramps of \$25 per launch and retrieval; (\$25 per one way launch and \$25 per retrieval) and a trailer parking fee of \$20 per day (no overnight parking). Residents of Marathon and Key Colony Beach, Marathon Property owners and military veterans are exempted.

Section 2. The Council hereby establishes a parking fee at Sombrero Beach of \$5 per hour for each of the first two hours and \$2 per hour thereafter. Residents of Marathon and Key Colony Beach, Marathon Property owners, and military veterans are exempted.

Section 3. The Council hereby establishes fines for parking and use violations of \$90.00 at Sombrero Beach and \$200.00 at all boat ramp facilities, with a 50% reduction if paid within 15 days of the notice of violation.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

Mayor Del Gaizo

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

ATTEST :

Diane Clavier, City Clerk

(City Seal)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE AND RELISANCE OF
THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA ONLY:**

Steve Williams, City Attorney

Exhibit “A”

City of Marathon Boat Ramp & Beach Parking Military Veteran Fee Waiver Registration

In order to receive the City of Marathon Boat Ramp and Beach Parking fees waived, a military veteran must register with the City of Marathon. In order to register, a veteran must provide the following documentation:

1. Vehicle and/or Trailer Registration in the name of the veteran; and
2. Personal identification (i.e. driver license, etc); and
3. Written documentation proving status as a veteran in one of the following methods;
 - a. Florida Department of Motor Vehicles driver license or identification card with a capital “V” or “Veteran” designation printed on the card indicating the bearer is a veteran; or
 - b. Most recent DD Form 214; or
 - c. Certificate of Release or Discharge, showing the named individual’s Character of Service as Honorable; or
 - d. Current official documentation from the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Veterans Affairs or an appropriate branch of one of those agencies, naming the bearer as veteran member of the U.S. Armed Forces.
 - i. Veterans Affairs Health Care Identification Card
 - ii. Retired, Disabled Identification Card
 - iii. Tricare Insurance Card