

For Immediate Release:

City waives boat ramp, parking fees for military veterans

MARATHON, FL (July 23, 2026) – The Marathon City Council unanimously approved a resolution recently to waive fees for public parking and boat ramp usage for military veterans.



Mayor Lynny Del Gaizo sought the modification to the city's existing resolution, 2023-33, to exempt military veterans from the charges.

A military veteran must register with the City of Marathon to have the fees waived.

To register, a veteran must provide the following documentation:

- Vehicle and/or trailer registration in the name of the veteran; and
- Personal identification (i.e. driver's license, etc.); and
- Written documentation proving status as a veteran in one of the following methods:
 - a. Florida Department of Motor Vehicles driver's 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



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Permanent and part-time residents of the City of Marathon and Key Colony Beach with a vehicle or trailer registered in either city also are allowed to use the ramps and parking at no cost.

Current launch fees for vehicles or trailers not registered in Marathon or Key Colony Beach are \$25 to put in and \$25 to retrieve, with trailer parking \$20 a day.

Beach parking costs are \$5 for each of the first two hours, then \$2 for each additional hour.

Golf carts are considered the same as a motor vehicle and are subject to the fees.

Failure to pay parking fees at Sombrero Beach will result in a \$90 fine sent to the owner of the registered vehicle.

Failure to pay launch fees at any of the city's ramps will result in a \$200 fine for the registered owner of the trailer. If the ticket is paid within 15 days from the notice, the fine is reduced by 50 percent.

For additional information, visit

<https://www.ci.marathon.fl.us/publicworks/page/launching-and-parking-information> .

For registration information, email Public Works Administrative Assistant Amanda Herrera at herreraa@ci.marathon.fl.us or call 305-289-4115.

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