

July 25, 2006

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-56**

**RESOLUTION BY THE PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AND  
ALLOWING THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF  
METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTATION ON THE RED LIGHTHOUSE IN THE RACINE  
HARBOR**

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the use of space on a portion of the Red Lighthouse located on the North Breakwater of the Racine Harbor by the National Weather Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States Department of Commerce for the placement of meteorological instrumentation is hereby authorized and approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that an agreement with the National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States Department of Commerce (NWS) providing for the installation, operation and maintenance of a weather instrumentation system on the Red Lighthouse is authorized and approved pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

1. That the installation of the weather instrumentation system will be done by contractors and the NWS and all costs for installation shall be incurred solely by NWS.
2. That plans for any access and security improvements of the Red Lighthouse desired by NWS shall be forwarded to the Department of Public Works for their review and written approval prior to work commencing at the site by contractors and the NWS. All costs for improvements to the Red Lighthouse undertaken as part of this agreement shall be incurred solely by NWS.
3. That the placement of the weather instrumentation system shall be done in a manner that will least distract from the character and aesthetics of the Red Lighthouse.
4. That the NWS is responsible for the licensing, operations, repair and/or maintenance of the NWS equipment.
5. That any maintenance and repairs by the NWS shall be conducted in accordance with reasonable engineering standards to assure that the equipment is in accordance with the requirements of the National Communications Act.
6. That Racine County agrees that the NWS shall have free access at all times for the purpose of maintaining the system equipment and grants to NWS personnel a non-exclusive right of access to the premises to inspect, operate, maintain and repair its equipment.

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- 6 7. That NWS agrees to promptly consider and adjudicate any and all claims which may
- 7 arise out of use of Racine County property by NWS or duly authorized representatives or
- 8 contractors of NWS and to pay for any damage or injury as may be required by Federal
- 9 law.
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- 11 8. That NWS shall have the right to make such alterations, additions and improvement to
- 12 the Red Lighthouse as may be necessary with the prior approval of Racine County.
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- 14 9. That all structures or fixtures placed by NWS on Racine County premises under this
- 15 agreement shall remain NWS property and NWS shall have the right to remove all
- 16 structures or fixtures placed on such premises.
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- 18 10. Such other terms and conditions as the Corporation Counsel and the Director of Public
- 19 Works deem necessary and appropriate.
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21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that any two  
22 of the County Clerk, the County Executive and/or the County Board Chairman are authorized to  
23 execute any contracts, agreements or other documents necessary to carry out the intent of this  
24 resolution.

25 Respectfully submitted,

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27 1st Reading \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES  
COMMITTEE**

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29 2nd Reading \_\_\_\_\_

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31 BOARD ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

32 Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

33 For \_\_\_\_\_

34 Against \_\_\_\_\_

35 Absent \_\_\_\_\_

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Gilbert Bakke, Chairman

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Daniel F. Sharkozy, Vice-Chairman

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Mike Dawson, Secretary

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37 VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

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39 Prepared by:  
40 Corporation Counsel

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Diane M. Lange

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Donnie Snow

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Robert D. Grove

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Kenneth Hall

8 **INFORMATION ONLY**  
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10 **WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
11 Administration (NOAA), United States Department of Commerce has requested to obtain space  
12 at the top of the Red Lighthouse on the north breakwater of the Racine Harbor to install  
13 meteorological instrumentation; and  
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15 **WHEREAS**, meteorological data obtained from the instruments would enhance the Lake  
16 Michigan Marine Forecast Program and the data from the system will be readily available to  
17 provide important information to the boaters that use the Racine Harbor; and  
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19 **WHEREAS**, the cost of the system, including installation and recurring maintenance, as  
20 well as basic improvements to the Red Lighthouse for safety, access and security purposes,  
21 would be funded by NOAA; and  
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23 **WHEREAS**, a representative of the National Weather Service has met with the Public  
24 Works Committee and reviewed the proposed program and use of space; and  
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26 **WHEREAS**, the use of the Red Lighthouse for obtaining weather data will promote safe  
27 boating, enhance usage of the Racine Harbor as a community asset, and further sound  
28 intergovernmental cooperation.