

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-48

RESOLUTION BY THE PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE TO REQUEST THAT THE CITY OF RACINE ELIMINATE AND RECREATE THE TWO-TIERED PAY SYSTEM FOR RACINE COUNTY VS. NON-RACINE COUNTY RESIDENTS AT THE FIFTH STREET BOAT LAUNCH, WHICH IS THE ONLY PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH IN RACINE COUNTY FOR ACCESS TO LAKE MICHIGAN

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that Racine County has received concerns from various Racine County residents and others who would like to see a single pay rate for boat launching replace a tiered system for Racine County resident vs. non-Racine County resident users of the Fifth Street boat launch owned by the City of Racine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Racine County Board of Supervisors hereby request that the City of Racine eliminate the two-tiered launch fee currently being used and implement as of January 1, 2018, a fee that allows Racine County residents to pay one fee and to impose a different launch fee for non-Racine County residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to the City of Racine.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading _____

PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

2nd Reading _____

BOARD ACTION

Ronald Molnar, Chairman

Adopted _____

For _____

Against _____

Absent _____

Mark M. Gleason, Vice-Chairman

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

Tom Hincz, Secretary

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4 **The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of
5 Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:**

6 **Approved:** _____

7 **Vetoed:** _____

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9 **Date:** _____,

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12 **Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive**
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15 **INFORMATION ONLY**

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17 **WHEREAS**, Racine County owns the small boat basin which is used to launch boats from the
18 Fifth Street boat launch; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, The City of Racine owns the Fifth Street Boat Launch, and

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22 **WHEREAS**, The City of Racine charges different launch fees for city residents versus non-city
23 residents; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, the two-tiered pay system is allowed under the State codes and is legal; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, The Fifth Street boat launch is the only public boat launch that allows access to
28 Lake Michigan in Racine County; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, there have been complaints received by County staff and the County Executive
31 that a two-tiered launch fee for City vs non-City residents is unfair with the Fifth Street location
32 being the only place to legally launch a boat from a public boat launch into Lake Michigan in
33 Racine County; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, Racine County staff, the Racine County Executive and the Racine County Public
36 Works, Parks and Facilities Committee agree that there should be one fee for all Racine
37 County residents and another fee for non-Racine County residents, effective January 1, 2018.