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RESOLUTION 2025- 77

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING FEES, ESTABLISHING FINES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A PERMIT SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION PROCESS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 24, WALTON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Walton County Board of County Commissioners (the "County") finds that it is granted authority to set fees and fines through resolutions pursuant to Section 24-2 and Section 24-7 of the Walton County Code of Ordinances, and;

WHEREAS, the County further finds that it is granted the authority pursuant to Section 24-7 of the Walton County Code of Ordinances to adopt through resolutions a violation schedule setting forth a system under which a Person is subject to suspension or revocation of any or all permits issued, and;

WHEREAS, the County has previously determined that requiring permits from commercial users of public boat ramps is necessary to ensure that members of the public who utilize these commercial services can do so in a safe manner with qualified operators, and;

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WHEREAS, the Walton County Board of County Commissioners desires to implement a violation schedule through a points-based system whereby violations of the provisions of that Chapter are assigned point values and that the accumulation of certain point totals should result in pre-determined suspensions or revocations, and;

WHEREAS, the County has determined the process stated herein is in the best interests of the public and provides a reasonable and just manner of enforcement of Chapter 24 of the Walton Code of Ordinances, and;

WHEREAS, the County further finds that these fees, fines, and process to suspend or revoke permits for violations are necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, as follows:

1. **Authority; Intent.** Pursuant to Chapter 24 of the Walton County Code of Ordinances, the County is authorized to set and amend, as necessary, fees and fines, and implement a process to suspend or revoke permits issued under the aforesaid Chapter through the passage of resolutions. The County has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Walton County, tourists, local businesses, and the overall economic benefit of Walton County to set these fees and fines and implement a point-based process to suspend or revoke permits for violations of this Chapter.

2. **Adoption.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby adopt the fees, fines, and point system for processing suspensions and revocations resulting from violations of Chapter 24 of the Walton County Code of Ordinances as set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

3. **Severability.** If any provision or portion of this Resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

4. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

RESOLVED AND PASSED this October 28, 2025.

Donna Johns, Chair
Walton County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Crystal Sconiers, Clerk of the
Circuit Court and Comptroller

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EXHIBIT A

PERMIT	FEE
Sec. 24-2: Permit to Conduct Commercial Activity at Public Boat Ramps	$500.00 per Vessel $500.00 per Hired Operator

VIOLATION	FINE	NUMBER OF POINTS ASSIGNED
Sec. 24-2(a): No Permit to Conduct Commercial Activity at Public Boat Ramps	$500.00	N/A
Sec. 24-2(d): No Permit Attached to Vessel or Trailer	$100.00	5
Sec. 24-2(e): Storage of Unrented Vessels Along Shoreline	$100.00	5
Sec. 24-3(a): Docking or Anchoring at a Public Boat Ramp for more than 10 minutes	$100.00	5
Sec. 24-3(b): Unhitched Trailer Left Unattended in Parking Lot or Associated Park	$100.00	5
Sec. 24-4: Airboat Curfew	$100.00	N/A
Sec. 25-5: Vessel speed not to exceed reasonable speed under existing conditions.	$100.00	N/A
Sec. 25-6: No wake zones	$100.00	N/A

15 points=3-day suspension 25 points=5-day suspension
35 points = 10-day suspension 45 Points= 20-day suspension
50 points = revocation

POINTS ARE CUMULATIVE UNTIL EXPIRATION OF PERMIT ON MAY 31st

Clerk Administrative Fees

The Walton County Clerk of Court ("Clerk") shall assess and retain a Clerk Administrative Fee of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) for uncontested citations and a Clerk Administrative Fee of seventy-five dollars ($75.00) for contested citations to cover its costs of processing citations and providing case management services. The Clerk Administrative Fees shall be imposed in addition to the County's fine collected by the Clerk pursuant to this Resolution or as elsewhere permitted by Chapter 24, Walton County Code of Ordinances.