

DRAFT**SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT****ORDINANCE xxxx****ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO UNIFIED
PORT DISTRICT TARIFF NO. 1-G, RATES AND
CHARGES, TO INCREASE RATES, ADD NEW
RATES, AND UPDATE TARIFF FORMAT AND
LANGUAGE**

WHEREAS, the San Diego Unified Port District (District) is a public corporation created by the Legislature in 1962 pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Appendix I (Port Act); and

WHEREAS, the District Tariff No. 1-G (Tariff) governs the rates, charges, rules and regulations applicable for all maritime-related commercial activity within the District's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Board adopt an amendment to the Port's Tariff, as follows:

1. Implement a three percent (3%) General Rate Increase (GRI) in General items, Dockage items, Wharfage items, Demurrage, Storage & Space Occupancy items, and Miscellaneous items, effective July 1, 2025.
2. Implement a rate increase to zero point one hundred eighteen cents (\$0.118) for (a) Rates Per Lineal Foot of Length Per Day for Dockage Charge for Commercial Fishing Vessel — Item No. 0570, effective May 1, 2026.
3. Perform an amendment to modify Tariff language and add a corresponding rate of three dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$3.58) for (6) Dockage Charge for Private and Commercial Yachts Per Lineal Foot Per Day for Rates for Full Dockage — Item No. 0575, effective July 1, 2025.
4. Implement a rate increase to three-hundred dollars (\$300.00) for (c) Start-Up Charge for Mobile Harbor Crane Fees — Item No. 0738, effective July 1, 2025.
5. Implement a rate increase to three-hundred dollars (\$300.00) for (d)

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Close-Down Charge for Mobile Harbor Crane Fees — Item No. 0738, effective July 1, 2025.

6. Implement a five percent (5%) Annual Rate Increase (ARI), plus an eight percent (8%) Producers Price Index (PPI) to Pilotage Rates and Charges — Item No. 0800, effective July 1, 2025.
7. Perform an amendment to modify Tariff language and remove an obsolete Item for Commercial Vehicles, Heavy-Weight — Item No. 0664, effective July 1, 2025.
8. Perform an amendment of Tariff language and other minor language modifications, effective July 1, 2025.

WHEREAS, several factors are considered during staff's Tariff analysis, including relevant economic indicators such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Consumer Price Index for the West Region, All Urban Consumers; All Items in Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, California; and All Items San Diego-Carlsbad, California (CPI-U), the Producer Price Index (PPI) for Navigational Services to Shipping, rate recommendations made by California Association of Port Authorities' (CAPA) as well as actual rate increases by other CAPA member ports; and

WHEREAS, staff also considered potential impacts of the current Administration's tariff actions as they relate to the District's cargo book of business; and

WHEREAS, District staff recommends implementing a General Rate Increase (GRI) of three percent (3.0%) across all Tariff items with select exceptions; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends a zero-point thirteen thousandths cent (\$0.013) increase to Dockage Charge for Commercial Fishing Vessel — Item No. 0570 — (a) Rates Per Lineal Foot of Length Per Day from one hundred and five thousandths cent (\$0.105) to a one hundred eighteen thousandths cent (\$0.118) effective May 1, 2026, followed by phased annual increases over a seven (7) year period to gradually align San Diego's slip rates with the median rates along the West Coast; and

WHEREAS, staff believes these increases are necessary to support continued maintenance of safe and accessible facilities for commercial fishing vessels within the Port of San Diego; and

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WHEREAS, staff also recommends modifying language and adding a new rate for (6) Dockage Charges for Private and Commercial Yachts of three dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$3.58) to ensure the District remains competitive and maintains rate consistency with other leading West Coast ports and harbors; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends a one hundred and fifty-nine dollars (\$159.00) flat rate increase to Mobile Harbor Cranes Fees — Item No. 0738 — (c) Start-Up Charge from one hundred and forty-one dollars (\$141.00) to three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and a two hundred and twenty-nine dollar (\$229.00) flat rate increase to (d) Close-Down Charge from seventy-one dollars (\$71.00) to three hundred dollars (\$300.00); and

WHEREAS, this is necessitated by the increased manpower required to perform a safe and efficient crane(s) operation as the start-up and close-down involves pre- and post-operational inspection, safety briefing and securing of the crane, ground assessments, and confirming electrical connections or other power sources to ensure crane readiness, and particularly for the cable deployment and management; and

WHEREAS, staff also recommends amending Pilotage Rates and Charges — Item No. 0800; and

WHEREAS, the increase of five percent (5%) annual rate increase (ARI), plus Producers Price Index (PPI) was approved by the BPC at its May 2023 Board Meeting, and staff confirms that the applicable PPI rate for 2024 is eight percent (8%); and

WHEREAS, staff further recommends removing Item No. 0664— Commercial Vehicles, Heavy Weight from the Tariff as heavy weight vehicles have been consolidated in Item 0664 – Commercial Vehicles, Light Medium, and Heavy Weight; and

WHEREAS, lastly, staff recommends other minor clarifying language modifications to update current administrative or clerical items; and

WHEREAS, based on the above factors, staff recommends, after taking this proposed action in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), that the BPC conduct a public hearing and adopt the following changes to the Port's Tariff No.1-G, effective July 1, 2025:

- Implement a three percent (3%) General Rate Increase (GRI) in General items, Dockage items, Wharfage items, Demurrage, Storage & Space Occupancy items, and Miscellaneous items.

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(Attachments A – R, U – W to the corresponding Agenda on file with the Office of the District Clerk (“Agenda”))

- Implement a rate increase of zero point one hundred eighteen cents (\$0.118) to (a) Rates Per Lineal Foot of Length Per Day for Dockage Charge for Commercial Fishing Vessel — Item No. 0570, effective May 1, 2026.

DOCKAGE CHARGE FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS	
(a)	<p>A commercial fishing vessel, as defined in Item No. 0445, berthed or moored at public facilities of the San Diego Unified Port District shall be charged dockage at the rate of \$0.105 cents ^[1] per lineal foot of length per calendar day.</p> <p>Dockage charges on vessels engaged in commercial fishing are due and payable in advance as follows:</p> <p>(1) A vessel electing to be assessed dockage charges on a monthly basis shall pay said charges on or before the tenth (10th) day of each calendar month or within three (3) days after berthing, whichever is later.</p> <p>(2) A vessel electing to be assessed dockage charges on a daily basis shall immediately upon arrival pay said charges for the number of days the vessel will utilize berthing space as indicated in its application for berthing space.</p> <p>*Note: Commencing May 1, 2026, annual 'Dockage Charge for Commercial Fishing Vessels' will be based on a three percent (3%) Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the next seven (7) years, plus an Annual Rate Increase (ARI) of one-cent (\$0.01) for Year 1 [May-June 2026 Only], Years 2, and 3; and an ARI of two-cents (\$0.02) for Years 4, 5, and 6, ending June 30, 2032.</p>
(b)	<p>In-transit fishing vessels, defined as commercial fishing vessels which are not permanently home-ported in San Diego Bay and as regulated by SDUPD Code, Section 4.09 — Regulations of Vessels—Tuna Harbor Basin, may be authorized berthing at the Tuna Harbor Basin slips for a period of time not to exceed twenty (20) days within any continuous thirty (30) day time span and shall be charged dockage (payable in advance) per twenty-four (24) hour day as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rate, per lineal foot of length per day for a maximum of twenty (20) days...</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$26.25 \$27.04</p>

(Attachment B to Agenda)

- Perform an amendment to modify Tariff language and add a corresponding rate of three dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$3.58) for (6) Dockage Charge for Private and Commercial Yachts Per Lineal Foot Per Day for Rates for Full Dockage — Item No. 0575.

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- (2) Charges beyond the first twenty-four (24) hours shall be assessed in whole six-hour increments at twenty-five percent (25%) of the full rate for each subsequent six (6) hour period.
- (3) Vessels on lay status, which is defined as a vessel waiting for a berth to discharge and/or load cargo, may be permitted to moor at idle terminal berths, upon the discretion of the Executive Director, when such berths are available. Lay status permission must be obtained by written application prior to the vessel's arrival. Dockage charges for vessels on lay status will be assessed at fifty-percent (50%) of the full dockage rate.
- (4) Lay berthing of commercial barges at Port of San Diego facilities when space is available will be at 100% of the full dockage rate.
- (5) Anchorage' as defined in Item No. 0441—"B" Street Cruise Terminal Merchant Vessel Anchorage for non-commercial vessels will be assessed at fifty percent (50%) of full dockage rates.
- (6) Dockage charges for private and commercial yachts shall be \$3.58 per lineal foot per day.

NOTE: Length in feet for reference only. Dockage charged by length in meters.

(Attachment C to Agenda)

- Implement a rate increase of three-hundred dollars (\$300.00) to (c) Start-Up Charge and (d) Close-Down Charge for Mobile Harbor Crane Fees — Item No. 0738.

SCHEDULE OF MOBILE HARBOR CRANE FEES			
TYPE OF CHARGE	REFERENCED TARIFF ITEM	FEES	
Start-Up	Item No. 0738 C	\$141	\$300
Close-Down	Item No. 0738 D	\$71	\$300
Usage Charge	Item No. 0738 E	\$213	\$219
(Each 15 Minute Increment)	---	---	---
Minimum Use (4 hours)	---	---	---
Change of Call Out Times	Item No. 0738 E	\$353	\$364
Cancellation of Crane Call Out (prior to 3 hours from start time)		\$1,921	\$1,979
Cancellation of Crane Call Out (within 3 hours from start time)		\$1,921	\$1,979
Stand-By Charge		\$422	\$435
Maintenance for Each Hour		\$103	\$106
or Fraction thereof	---	---	---
Note: Mobile Harbor Crane Fees will be assessed on a 'per crane' basis.			

(Attachment S, T to Agenda)

- Implement a five percent (5%) Annual Rate Increase (ARI), plus an eight percent (8%) Producers Price Index (PPI) to Pilotage Rates and Charges — Item No. 0800.

Pilotage Rates and Charges — Item No. 0800 — Dollars Per Movement

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Gross Tonnage	Dollars Per Movement Effective July 1, 2024 July 1, 2025	
	\$0.0077	\$0.0087

(Attachment Z to Agenda)

Overall Length of Vessel in Meters (Feet)			Dollars Per Movement Effective July 1, 2024 July 1, 2025	
Over		But Not Over	Entering or Leaving	Intra Harbor
0 (0.0)		61 (200.1)	Various Rates	

(Attachment AA – BB to Agenda)

Pilotage Rates and Charges — Item No. 0800 — (e), (f), (g), (h), (i)

<div>Non-Cancellation Charge Effective July 1, 2024 July 1, 2025</div> <div>\$629 \$711</div>	<div>Minimum Pilotage Charge Effective July 1, 2024 July 1, 2025</div> <div>\$1,731 \$1,956</div>
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(Attachment CC to Agenda)

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(Attachment J to Agenda)

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WHEREAS, the proposed rate increases would aid in balancing the rising costs of maintenance and infrastructure associated with maritime operations while maintaining a rate structure that is comparable to competitor ports; and

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WHEREAS, the Board conducted a public hearing on the proposed changes on May 6, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Tariff No. 1-G, posted on the website for the San Diego Unified Port District at www.portofsandiego.org (Organization No. 011576 Tariff No. 1-G), is hereby amended as follows, a copy of which is on file with the Office of the District Clerk, effective July 1, 2025:

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Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect on the 31st day from its passage by the Board of Port Commissioners.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
GENERAL COUNSEL

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By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 6th day of May 2025, by the following vote: