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The City of Boston Creates Fees for Boat Slips & Moorings, May 2004

After extensive work by the Office of the Inspector General, the City of Boston has adopted a new ordinance establishing fees for boat slips and moorings.

The Boston City Council voted 13-0 to approve the mooring ordinance on May 5, 2004. The Mayor also approved the change.

The new ordinance requires the identification of all boat owners using slips and moorings in Boston-owned waters. This provision will enhance public safety during a time of threat from potential terrorism. In addition, it will allow the City to collect permit fees from boat owners, offsetting the high cost of providing police and fire protection for boats moored in Boston Harbor and reducing Boston taxpayers' burden.