

ORDINANCE NO. 6180

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AMENDING THE SANTA BARBARA MUNICIPAL CODE ("SBMC") BY ADDING SECTION 17.12.200 RELATING TO VESSEL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS; AND SECTION 17.12.210 RELATING TO PROCESS, ENFORCEMENT AND ABILITY TO APPEAL

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 17.12 of Title 17 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

17.12.200 Vessel Insurance Required.

Commencing January 1, 2026, all vessels in the Santa Barbara Harbor District must remain currently insured to retain a slip permit or to moor or to anchor. Vessel insurance must, at a minimum, meet the following criteria:

1. Commercial & Recreational Vessels.

a. Provide General Liability vessel insurance coverage, with a minimum policy limit of \$300,000. Insurance policies for vessels held in partnership, trust, or a corporation must list the individual names of each vessel partner.

b. Vessel insurance policies shall name the City of Santa Barbara as Additional Insured, if available from the underwriter, unless mooring or anchoring for less than 90 days.

c. This Subsection does not apply in cases where a vessel requests to anchor or moor in cases of emergency as determined by the Waterfront Director or their designee, however, such vessel must depart after the emergency.

d. Vessel Owners must provide to the Waterfront Director a Notice of Cancellation of their insurance coverage or removal of the City as additionally insured within five business days of such event.

2. Excluded Vessels.

This vessel insurance policy is not applicable to launched vessels, human-powered watercraft, or skiffs less than 15 feet in length.

17.12.210 Process, Enforcement and Ability to Appeal.

A. Effective January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, those required to have vessel insurance pursuant to Section 17.12.200, are required to present their insurance declaration page demonstrating minimum policy requirements to the Waterfront Director or their designee upon request.

B. Any vessel required to have vessel insurance will be given 60 calendar days to provide proof of compliance. Failure to do so will result in the following:

1. Termination of the slip or live aboard permit. Slip permittees may request a waiver of the termination from the Waterfront Director under Section 17.20.005 (J) of

the Municipal Code. The permittee must request an appeal with the Waterfront Director within ten calendar days the permit is terminated.

2. After a Notice of Termination is issued, if a permittee elects to appeal the termination, the vessel may be subject to impound per Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 17.20.220 (A). An appeal under Chapter 1.30 does not stay any impound procedures.

3. Owners of transient vessels that do not obtain vessel insurance required under Section 17.12.200 may be denied permission to moor or anchor pursuant to Section 17.20.010.

4. Owners of transient vessels that do not obtain vessel insurance required under Section 17.12.200 that have been denied permission to moor or to anchor may be subject to impound per Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 17.20.220 (A).

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was introduced on May 6, 2025, and adopted by the Council of the City of Santa Barbara at a meeting held on May 13, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Eric Friedman, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Wendy Santamaria, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

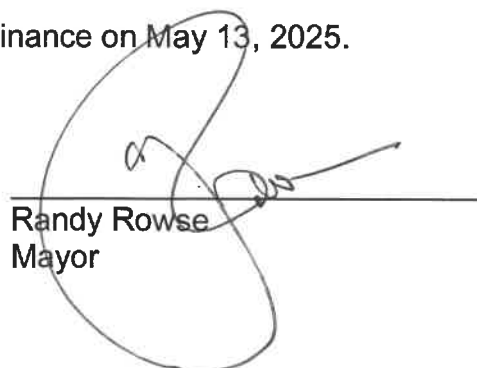
ABSTENTIONS: None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Santa Barbara on May 13, 2025.



Sarah P. Gorman, MMC
City Clerk Services Manager

I HEREBY APPROVE the foregoing ordinance on May 13, 2025.



Randy Rowse
Mayor