

*STAFF REPORT**CITY OF OCEANSIDE*

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DATE: March 14, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Public Works Department, Harbor and Beaches Division

SUBJECT: **SIX-MONTH SLIP SUBLEASE EXTENSION FOR MR. AND MRS. CROUSE**

**SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a request by Mr. & Mrs. Crouse to extend the term of the sublease of their Harbor slip from April 28, 2012, to October 29, 2012, which will allow them to complete refitting and repairing their boat.

**BACKGROUND**

Mr. and Mrs. Crouse have been slip renters since 1991 and their permit is in good standing. The couple's homemade boat has aged and needs repairs that are not permitted in the slip or local haul-out yard such as grinding fiberglass and spray painting. The couple moved their boat to their rural home but the repairs are taking longer than anticipated. The original sublease was granted on April 13, 2011 for a period of three months. There have been three successive three-month subleases granted. The Crouses have requested an additional six-month extension to complete the repairs.

Harbor District Resolution 89-04H authorizes slip permittees to sublease their slip when their boat is temporarily away from the slip upon approval by the Harbor District. A maximum of four (4) sublease periods in a twenty-four month period is allowed.

**ANALYSIS**

The slips in Oceanside Harbor are a public asset and should be available for use by the general public on a first-come, first-served basis. As a general practice, the reserving of a public facility, which is in limited supply, by a person not actually using it for an extended period is not equitable to the people on the slip waiting list.

Precedence for granting this type of extension took place on November 13, 1991, January 8, 2003, August 3, 2005, December 13, 2006, November 19, 2008 and May 4, 2011. Mr. and Mrs. Crouse have presented appropriate justification for granting the

sublease extension.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Mr. and Mrs. Crouse will be responsible for assuming all slip fees which will continue to be paid during their absence. The fiscal impact will be neutral.

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Does not apply.

**COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT**

Does not apply.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

Does not apply.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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Attachment

Feb. 7, 2012

To the Oceanside Harbor Administration.

My wife and I have been slip renters since 1991, when we brought our homemade sailing vessel to Oceanside Harbor. Since that time we have enjoyed the ambience of the harbor and surrounding area. Over the course of time, our boat has aged and now is undergoing an extensive refit and repair. Some of the jobs involve activities that are not permitted in the slip or the haulout yard area, such as grinding fiberglass and spray painting. We have moved our boat to our rural farm property where there is room and equipment to accomplish the aforementioned tasks. We need some more time in order to complete the work. We are asking for a 3-6 month extension of our ability to sublet our slip. We have always paid our slip rent on time and have been respectful neighbors in the harbor. Our current sublet renter would like to have the extra time as well. The painting work is scheduled to be done this Spring when the weather will be somewhat more accommodating to that task. We hope that you will consider our request favorably. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Michael and Laura Crouse

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael and Laura Crouse". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "L" that are connected. The ink is dark and the background is white.