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### Wickford Mooring Wait List Renewal

Dear Wait List Persons:

The North Kingstown Town Council, upon recommendation of the Harbor Management Commission, made the following changes to the waiting list procedure:

**SECTION 1.** That Section 7-107(f) of the Code of Ordinances, Town of North Kingstown, entitled, "Mooring permit issuance; waiting list; renewal; restrictions" is hereby amended as follows:

(f).....An initial application fee will be charge. Thereafter, a yearly renewal fee will be charged. The amount of the fee shall be prescribed in Section 9-4, Table VI..

The initial application fee for those applying after May 1, 2014 is \$15.00.  
The renewal fee beginning May 1, 2014 is \$10.00 per year.

The reason for this change is that our waiting list has become hopelessly long and inefficient. It now takes nearly twenty years to reach the top of the list. The reality is that people at the bottom of the list usually have a boat with no place to moor it, and people at the top of the list are often no longer interested. Turning over a vacant mooring becomes a drawn-out process as people accept and then decline, as they no longer have a boat or are keeping their boat somewhere else. The bottom line is that people tend to hang on the list because they have waited so long, and people at the bottom of the list are discouraged from applying or renewing.

Nearly all other waterfront communities (Jamestown, Newport, Bristol, Charlestown, etc) have implemented a yearly fee in order to discourage people who are not currently interested in a mooring.

It is anticipated that, within a few years, our list will shrink to a manageable size and that people who do sign up can reasonably expect a mooring within a few years.