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# **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA. GRANTING RENEWAL OF A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO RAIDER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES OF FLORIDA. INC., FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM TO PROVIDE VESSEL OILY WASTE REMOVAL SERVICES AT PORT EVERGLADES; PROVIDING FOR FRANCHISE TERMS AND CONDITIONS **SEVERABILITY** AND PROVIDING FOR

EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") adopted Resolution No. 94-1302, effective November 22, 1994, creating Chapter 32 of the Broward County Administrative Code, which provides, in part, for the granting of franchises to businesses to conduct operations at Port Everglades;

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2019, by Resolution No. 2019-412, the Board granted Raider Environmental Services of Florida, Inc. ("Raider"), a renewal of a nonexclusive franchise to provide vessel oily waste removal services at Port Everglades, with an initial one-year term commencing on October 27, 2019, and ending on October 26, 2020, and an optional one-year extension that may be exercised by the Port Director:

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2020, by letter, the Port Director exercised the oneyear extension, extending Raider's nonexclusive franchise through October 26, 2021;

WHEREAS, Raider recently submitted an application for an additional renewal of a nonexclusive franchise so that it may continue providing vessel oily waste removal services at Port Everglades;

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WHEREAS, the Board reviewed Raider's application pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 32 of the Broward County Administrative Code, and has relied on the representations made by Raider in such application;

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2021, a public hearing was held, as required by Section 32.22 of the Broward County Administrative Code, to consider Raider's application; and

WHEREAS, based on the representations of Raider, and information presented by Broward County staff and the public, as applicable, the Board determines and establishes that Raider has met each of the factors set forth in Section 32.20.c.2 of the Broward County Administrative Code, and declares that the best interests of Broward County dictate renewal of Raider's nonexclusive franchise to provide vessel oily waste removal services at Port Everglades, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

- The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct and are Section 1. hereby ratified by the Board.
  - Section 2. Renewal of Franchise to Raider.

Raider is hereby granted renewal of a nonexclusive franchise to provide vessel oily waste removal services at Port Everglades (the "Franchise"), subject to the terms and conditions of this Resolution.

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Section 3. Term.

The Franchise shall be for a period of five (5) years, commencing on October 27, 2021, and ending on October 26, 2026, unless sooner terminated in accordance with Section 32.29 of the Broward County Administrative Code.

### Section 4. Franchise Conditions.

By its execution of the franchise renewal application, Raider agreed that it will be bound by and comply with all terms and conditions set forth in Section 32.24 of the Broward County Administrative Code.

## Section 5. Law, Jurisdiction, Venue, and Waiver of Jury Trial.

The Franchise shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Except as provided herein, the exclusive venue for any lawsuit arising from, related to, or in connection with the Franchise shall be in the state courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida. For matters that fall within the exclusive subject matter jurisdiction of the federal courts or those to which jurisdiction is confirmed by law upon the Federal Maritime Commission ("FMC"), the exclusive venue for any such lawsuit shall be in the United States District Court, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida, or the FMC, as applicable. Raider irrevocably subjects itself to the jurisdiction of said courts. RAIDER AND BROWARD COUNTY HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY RIGHTS EITHER PARTY MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY CIVIL LITIGATION RELATED TO THE FRANCHISE. IF A PARTY FAILS TO WITHDRAW A REQUEST FOR A JURY TRIAL IN A LAWSUIT ARISING OUT OF THE FRANCHISE AFTER WRITTEN NOTICE BY THE OTHER PARTY OF VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE PARTY MAKING THE REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE REASONABLE

# ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS OF THE OTHER PARTY IN CONTESTING THE REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL, AND SUCH AMOUNTS SHALL BE AWARDED BY THE COURT IN ADJUDICATING THE MOTION.

## Section 6. Independent Auditor.

If requested by the Broward County Auditor, Raider shall appoint, at its sole cost, an independent auditor approved by the Broward County Auditor to (a) review Raider's ongoing compliance with the terms and conditions of the Franchise; and (b) issue a compliance report to Broward County within thirty (30) calendar days after the appointment of the independent auditor.

## Section 7. Notices.

In order for a notice to a party to be effective under the Franchise, notice must be sent via U.S. first-class mail, hand delivery, or commercial overnight delivery, each with a contemporaneous copy via e-mail, to the addresses stated below and shall be effective upon mailing or hand delivery (provided the contemporaneous e-mail is also sent). The addresses for notice shall remain as set forth in this section unless and until changed by providing notice of such change in accordance with the provisions of this section. Until any change is made, notices to Raider shall be delivered to the person identified in the franchise application as having authority to bind Raider, and notices to Broward County shall be delivered to the following:

Broward County, Port Everglades Department ATTN: Chief Executive/Port Director 1850 Eller Drive Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316 E-mail: jdaniels@broward.org

1 Section 8. Issuance of Certificate. 2 In accordance with Section 32.27 of the Broward County Administrative Code, the 3 Port Everglades Department, Business Administration Division, will issue a franchise certificate to Raider setting forth the terms and conditions of the Franchise. 4 5 Section 9. Severability. 6 If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid 7 portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this 8 Resolution. If any court determines that this Resolution, in whole or in part, cannot be 9 legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such determination will not affect the applicability of this Resolution to any other individual, 10 group, entity, property, or circumstance. 11 12 Section 10. Effective Date. 13 This Resolution is effective upon adoption. 14 15 16 ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021. 17 18 Approved as to form and legal sufficiency: 19 Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney 20 By /s/ Carlos Rodriguez-Cabarrocas 08/09/2021 21 Carlos Rodriguez-Cabarrocas (date) Sr. Assistant County Attorney 22 CRC:cr 23 08/09/21 Raider VOW R02 24 #21-3600