

**PROPOSED**

RESOLUTION NO.

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD  
2 COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING RENEWAL OF A NONEXCLUSIVE, UNRESTRICTED  
3 PORT EVERGLADES VESSEL BUNKERING SERVICES FRANCHISE TO JAX LNG,  
4 LLC, FOR A NEW FIVE-YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR FRANCHISE TERMS AND  
5 CONDITIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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7 WHEREAS, Chapter 32, Part II, of the Broward County Administrative Code  
8 (“Administrative Code”) sets forth criteria for the granting of franchises to businesses to  
9 conduct certain operations at Port Everglades, including, but not limited to, vessel  
10 bunkering services;

11 WHEREAS, Section 32.15 of the Administrative Code authorizes Broward County  
12 (the “County”) to grant different types of franchises: exclusive or nonexclusive; and  
13 restricted or unrestricted;

14 WHEREAS, Section 32.22 of the Administrative Code provides that franchises  
15 shall be granted by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”)  
16 by Resolution after public hearing;

17 WHEREAS, on March 7, 2024, by Resolution No. 2024-090, the Board granted  
18 JAX LNG, LLC (“JAX”) a nonexclusive Port Everglades vessel bunkering services  
19 franchise, with a one-year term commencing on March 7, 2024, and ending on  
20 March 6, 2025 (“Prior Franchise”);

21 WHEREAS, JAX recently submitted an application for renewal of the Prior  
22 Franchise so that it may continue providing vessel bunkering services at Port Everglades;

23 WHEREAS, the Board reviewed JAX's application pursuant to the requirements of  
24 Chapter 32 of the Administrative Code, and is relying on the representations made by  
25 JAX in that application;

26 WHEREAS, on February 25, 2025, a public hearing was held to consider JAX's  
27 application; and

28 WHEREAS, based on the representations of JAX, and information presented by  
29 Broward County staff and the public, as applicable, the Board does hereby determine and  
30 establish that JAX has met each of the factors set forth in applicable provisions of  
31 Chapter 32 of the Administrative Code for the granting of a renewal of JAX's Prior  
32 Franchise so that it may continue providing vessel bunkering services at Port Everglades,

33 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

36 Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby ratified by  
37 the Board.

38 Section 2. Renewal of Prior Franchise to Franchisee.

39 JAX is hereby granted renewal of its Prior Franchise so that it may continue to  
40 provide vessel bunkering services at Port Everglades (the "Franchise"), subject to the  
41 terms and conditions of this Resolution.

42 Section 3. Term.

43 The Franchise shall be for a period of five (5) years, commencing March 7, 2025,  
44 and ending March 6, 2030, unless sooner terminated in accordance with Section 32.29  
45 of the Administrative Code.

46 Section 4. Franchise Conditions.

47 By its execution of the franchise renewal application, JAX agreed to be bound by  
48 and comply with all terms and conditions set forth in Section 32.24 of the Administrative  
49 Code.

50 Section 5. Law, Jurisdiction, Venue, and Waiver of Jury Trial. The Franchise  
51 shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the  
52 State of Florida. Except as provided herein, the exclusive venue for any lawsuit arising  
53 from, related to, or in connection with the Franchise shall be in the state courts of the  
54 Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida. For matters that fall within  
55 the exclusive subject matter jurisdiction of the federal courts or those to which jurisdiction  
56 is confirmed by law upon the Federal Maritime Commission ("FMC"), the exclusive venue  
57 for any such lawsuit shall be in the United States District Court, the United States  
58 Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida, or the FMC, as applicable. JAX  
59 irrevocably subjects itself to the jurisdiction of said courts. **EACH PARTY HEREBY**  
60 **EXPRESSLY WAIVES ANY RIGHTS IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY**  
61 **CIVIL LITIGATION RELATED TO THE FRANCHISE.**

62 Section 6. Independent Auditor.

63 If requested by the Broward County Auditor, JAX shall appoint, at its sole cost, an  
64 independent auditor approved by the Broward County Auditor to (a) review JAX's ongoing

65 compliance with the terms and conditions of the Franchise; and (b) issue a compliance  
66 report to Broward County within thirty (30) calendar days after the appointment of the  
67 independent auditor.

68 Section 7. Audit Rights and Retention of Records.

69 County shall have the right to audit the books, records, and accounts of JAX and  
70 all subcontractors that are related to this Franchise. JAX and all subcontractors shall keep  
71 such books, records, and accounts as may be necessary to record complete and correct  
72 entries related to this Franchise and performance under this Franchise. All such books,  
73 records, and accounts shall be kept in written form, or in a form capable of conversion  
74 into written form within a reasonable time, and upon request to do so, JAX and all  
75 subcontractors shall make same available in written form at no cost to County. JAX shall  
76 provide County with reasonable access to JAX's facilities, and County shall be allowed to  
77 interview all current or former employees to discuss matters pertinent to the performance  
78 of this Franchise.

79 JAX and all subcontractors shall preserve and make available, at reasonable times  
80 within Broward County, Florida, for examination and audit, all financial records, supporting  
81 documents, statistical records, and any other documents pertinent to this Franchise for at  
82 least three (3) years after expiration or termination of this Franchise or until resolution of  
83 any audit findings, whichever is longer. This section shall survive any dispute or litigation  
84 between County and JAX, and JAX expressly acknowledges and agrees to be bound by  
85 this article throughout the course of any dispute or litigation with County. Any audit or  
86 inspection pursuant to this section may be performed by any County representative  
87 (including any outside representative engaged by County). JAX hereby grants County the

88 right to conduct such audit or review at JAX's place of business, if deemed appropriate  
89 by County, with seventy-two (72) hours' advance notice. JAX shall make all such records  
90 and documents available electronically in common file formats or via remote access if,  
91 and to the extent, requested by County.

92 If an audit or inspection in accordance with this section reveals underpayments to  
93 County of any nature by JAX in excess of five percent (5%) of the applicable contract  
94 billings reviewed by County, in addition to making adjustments for the underpayments,  
95 JAX shall pay the reasonable cost of County's audit. Any adjustments or payments due  
96 as a result of such audit or inspection shall be made within thirty (30) days after  
97 presentation of County's findings to JAX.

98 JAX shall ensure that the requirements of this section are included in all  
99 agreements with all subcontractors.

100 Section 8. Notices.

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

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111 Broward County, Port Everglades Department

112 ATTN: Chief Executive/Port Director

113 1850 Eller Drive

114 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

115 E-mail: [jmmorris@broward.org](mailto:jmmorris@broward.org)

116 Section 9. Issuance of Certificate.

117 In accordance with Section 32.27 of the Administrative Code, the Port Everglades  
118 Department, Business Development Division, will issue a franchise certificate to JAX  
119 setting forth the terms and conditions of the Franchise.

120 Section 10. Severability.

121 If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid  
122 portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this  
123 Resolution. If any court determines that this Resolution, in whole or in part, cannot be  
124 legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such  
125 determination will not affect the applicability of this Resolution to any other individual,  
126 group, entity, property, or circumstance.

127 Section 11. Effective Date.

128 This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

