

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 STEAMSHIP AGENT SERVICES FRANCHISE TO HYDE
4 SHIPPING CORPORATION FOR A NEW FIVE-YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR
5 FRANCHISE TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND
6 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, on October 20, 2020, by Resolution No. 2020-553, the Board granted
19 Hyde Shipping Corporation (“Hyde Shipping”), a renewal of a nonexclusive Port
20 Everglades steamship agent services franchise, with a five-year term commencing on
21 November 4, 2020, and ending on November 3, 2025 (“Prior Franchise”);

22 WHEREAS, Hyde Shipping recently submitted an application for renewal of its
23 Prior Franchise so that it may continue providing steamship agent services at Port
24 Everglades;

25 WHEREAS, the Board reviewed Hyde Shipping's application pursuant to the
26 requirements of Chapter 32 of the Administrative Code, and is relying on the
27 representations made by Hyde Shipping in that application;

28 WHEREAS, on October 21, 2025, a public hearing was held to consider Hyde
29 Shipping's application; and

30 WHEREAS, based on the representations of Hyde Shipping, and information
31 presented by Broward County staff and the public, as applicable, the Board does hereby
32 determine and establish that Hyde Shipping has met each of the factors set forth in
33 applicable provisions of Chapter 32 of the Administrative Code for the granting of a
34 renewal of Hyde Shipping's Prior Franchise so that it may continue providing steamship
35 agent services at Port Everglades, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

38 Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby ratified by
39 the Board.

Section 2. Renewal of Prior Franchise to Franchisee.

Hyde Shipping is hereby granted renewal of its Prior Franchise so that it may continue to provide steamship agent services at Port Everglades (the "Franchise"), subject to the terms and conditions of this Resolution.

Section 3. Term.

The Franchise shall be for a period of five (5) years, commencing November 4, 2025, and ending November 3, 2030, unless sooner terminated in accordance with Section 32.29 of the Administrative Code.

Section 4. Franchise Conditions.

By its execution of the franchise renewal application, Hyde Shipping agreed to be bound by and comply with all terms and conditions set forth in Section 32.24 of the 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. Hyde Shipping irrevocably subjects itself to the jurisdiction of said courts.

**EACH PARTY HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVES ANY RIGHTS IT MAY HAVE TO A
TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY CIVIL LITIGATION RELATED TO THE FRANCHISE.**

Section 6. Independent Auditor.

If requested by the Broward County Auditor, Hyde Shipping shall appoint, at its sole cost, an independent auditor approved by the Broward County Auditor to (a) review Hyde Shipping'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. Audit Rights and Retention of Records.

County shall have the right to audit the books, records, and accounts of Hyde Shipping and all subcontractors that are related to this Franchise. Hyde Shipping and all subcontractors shall keep such books, records, and accounts as may be necessary to record complete and correct entries related to this Franchise and performance under this Franchise. All such books, records, and accounts shall be kept in written form or in a form capable of conversion into written form within a reasonable time; upon request by County, Hyde Shipping and all subcontractors shall make same available to County in written form at no cost to County and allow County to make copies. Hyde Shipping shall provide County with reasonable access to Hyde Shipping's facilities, and County shall be allowed to interview all employees to discuss matters pertinent to the performance of this Franchise.

Hyde Shipping and all subcontractors shall preserve and make available, at reasonable times within Broward County, Florida, for examination and audit, all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents pertinent to

86 this Franchise for at least three (3) years after expiration or termination of this Franchise
87 or until resolution of any audit findings, whichever is longer. This section shall survive any
88 dispute or litigation between County and Hyde Shipping, and Hyde Shipping expressly
89 acknowledges and agrees to be bound by this article throughout the course of any dispute
90 or litigation with County. Any audit or inspection pursuant to this section may be performed
91 by any County representative (including any outside representative engaged by County).
92 Hyde Shipping hereby grants County the right to conduct such audit or review at Hyde
93 Shipping's place of business, if deemed appropriate by County, with seventy-two (72)
94 hours' advance notice. Hyde Shipping shall make all such records and documents
95 available electronically, in common file formats, and/or via remote access, if and to the
96 extent requested by County.

97 Hyde Shipping shall pay to County any underpaid amount identified as a result of
98 an audit, regardless of the amount of the underpayment. If an audit in accordance with
99 this section reveals underpayments to County of any nature by Hyde Shipping in excess
100 of five percent (5%) of the applicable contract billings reviewed by County, in addition to
101 making adjustments for the underpayments, Hyde Shipping shall pay the reasonable cost
102 of County's audit. Any adjustments or payments due as a result of such audit shall be
103 made within thirty (30) days after presentation of County's findings to Hyde Shipping.

104 Hyde Shipping shall ensure that the requirements of this section are included in all
105 agreements with all subcontractors.

106 Section 8. Notices.

107 In order for a notice to a party to be effective under the Franchise, notice must be
108 sent via U.S. first-class mail, hand delivery, or commercial overnight delivery, each with

a contemporaneous copy via email, to the addresses stated below and shall be effective upon mailing or hand delivery (provided the contemporaneous e-mail is also sent). A party may change its notice address by giving notice of such change in accordance with this section. Until any change is made, notices to Hyde Shipping shall be delivered to the person identified in the franchise application as having authority to bind Hyde Shipping, 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: jmmorris@broward.org

Section 9. Issuance of Certificate.

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

Section 10. Severability.

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

131 Section 11. Effective Date.

132 This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this day of , 2025. **PROPOSED**

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney

By: /s/ Carlos Rodriguez-Cabarrocas 08/06/2025
Carlos Rodriguez-Cabarrocas (date)
Senior Assistant County Attorney