

**PROPOSED**

RESOLUTION NO.

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD  
2 COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A NONEXCLUSIVE, UNRESTRICTED PORT  
3 EVERGLADES VESSEL BUNKERING SERVICES FRANCHISE TO JAX LNG, LLC,  
4 FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR FRANCHISE TERMS AND CONDITIONS;  
5 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, JAX LNG, LLC (“JAX”), recently submitted an application for a  
18 nonexclusive, unrestricted franchise to provide vessel bunkering services at Port  
19 Everglades;

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

23 WHEREAS, on March 7, 2024, a public hearing was held to consider JAX's  
24 application; and

25 WHEREAS, based on the representations of JAX, and information presented by  
26 Broward County staff and the public, as applicable, the Board does hereby determine and  
27 establish that JAX has met each of the factors set forth in applicable provisions of  
28 Chapter 32 of the Administrative Code for the granting of a nonexclusive, unrestricted  
29 franchise to JAX for vessel bunkering services at Port Everglades, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

32 Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby ratified by  
33 the Board.

34 Section 2. Award of Franchise to Franchisee.

35 JAX is hereby granted a nonexclusive, unrestricted franchise to provide vessel  
36 bunkering services at Port Everglades (the "Franchise"), subject to the terms and  
37 conditions of this Resolution.

38 Section 3. Term.

39 The Franchise shall be for a period of one (1) year, commencing March 7, 2024,  
40 and ending March 6, 2025, unless sooner terminated in accordance with Section 32.29  
41 of the Administrative Code.

42 Section 4. Franchise Conditions.

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

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

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

57 Section 6. Independent Auditor.

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

63 Section 7. Notices.

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

73 Broward County, Port Everglades Department

74 ATTN: Chief Executive/Port Director

75 1850 Eller Drive

76 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

77 E-mail: [gwiltshire@broward.org](mailto:gwiltshire@broward.org)

78 Section 8. Issuance of Certificate.

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

82 Section 9. Severability.

83 If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid  
84 portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this  
85 Resolution. If any court determines that this Resolution, in whole or in part, cannot be

