

Happy New Year from the Port of Brownsville Staff & Commission!

The year ended with quite a busy agenda – the Budget for 2021 was passed and the annual passage of the Tariff for 2021 was passed at a special meeting held on December 21, 2020. Please note the Tariff is a separate action from the budget and may happen at any time during the year. Again, this just adds to the need for us to collect email addresses so we can blast out meeting dates, agendas, questionnaires, and quick correspondence. Please contact the office right away to give them your best email contact.



2021 Tariff – Port of Brownsville Rate and Fee Schedule

As part of their annual process, the Commissioners of the Port of Brownsville held several meetings and work sessions to discuss their schedule of rates and fees. In summary, the overall rates for moorage are increasing by 3% and various other fees are also increasing. If you are interested there is a nice excel sheet that calls out the various items and their percentage of increase that can be obtained by request from the office. These decisions are made at the commission level so if there are questions it would be best to put these in writing so they can be properly answered. I want to thank Terry Asla for personally offering to obtain comments from tenants on the various items in the tenant and providing the feedback. There are many issues here and I cannot possibly list all of the concerns and answers but I can at least offer some information. The Tariff has been updated annually for numerous years. The process has not changed and most items remain fairly stable. The port utilizes this process to update costs of items that are elevating higher than proposed the prior year, for example, electrical or garbage rates. The base document and process is unchanged from previous port commissioners and staff, it is just the changes in percentages that fluctuate.



We are searching for new ways of communication on the annual tariff, budget and monthly meeting process to get more information out to you timely. This year we were hindered by the pandemic, limited staff and new changes including the port legal team. We are already looking to redesign our meeting agendas and again, ask for your assistance in providing email addresses so we can “blast” out updates or news as it occurs rather than waiting for this publication. We are also looking for further online and website communication. Please offer suggestions to the suggestion box.

The Port Office continues to be closed to the public. Office personnel will still be working and are available Monday – Saturday from 8AM – 5PM via email or phone. If you need any assistance from the office or fuel the only way to reach the personnel will be by telephone, email or radios. Fuel hours will remain from Tuesday – Saturday 8:30AM – 4:30PM. Please respect the health and well being of the office by abiding by these precautions. Masks are required in and around the marina so please be respectful to your community by abiding by this requirement.



Commissioners' Meeting:

The regularly scheduled meeting **will be January 13 at 6:00 P.M.**

The meeting will be hosted using Zoom. Meeting ID: 976 2882 2337 PW: 407923

To Access by phone, dial 1-253-215-8782 and follow the instructions to enter the meeting. Please keep your device muted as repeated interruptions may result in your removal from the meeting.

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