

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PORT OF TAMPA TARIFF NO. 14**

Pursuant to Sections 7 and 19 of Chapter 95-488, Laws of Florida, the Tampa Port Authority d/b/a Port Tampa (PTB) will hold a public hearing at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 6, 2018 at its offices located at 1101 Channelside Drive, First Floor, Tampa Florida, to hear comments from interested parties on proposed changes to the Port of Tampa Tariff No. 14, which will include:

1. Item C75, Weighing of Vehicles - Increase the fee from \$8.00 per weigh to \$10.00 per weigh. Effective October 1, 2018.
2. Item D00, Harbor Master Fee - Increase from \$0.75 per foot LOA to \$1.00 per foot LOA. Effective October 1, 2018.
3. Item D35, Dockage (Vessels, Barges and Tugboats) - Increase dockage rates 3% each year for four years effective: October 1, 2018; October 1, 2019; October 1, 2020; and October 1, 2021.
4. Item D35, Dockage (Passenger Vessels) - Increase dockage rates 3% each year for three years effective: October 1, 2019; October 1, 2020; October 1, 2021.
5. Item E15, Passenger Traffic Wharfage - Increase passenger wharfage fee from \$7.00 per passenger to \$8.00 per passenger effective 10/1/19.
6. Item L20, Insurance Requirements - Establish a new requirement that 'stevedores' and 'marine terminal operators' licensed by PTB must maintain 'L20.2.g Pollution/Environmental Liability' coverage. Effective date 11/1/19. The minimum limits of liability, which are \$1,000,000 per Occurrence/\$1,000,000 Aggregate per the Tariff, would apply to stevedores and marine terminal operators.

Additional information on each of the above items is available online at the PTB website at [www.tampaport.com](http://www.tampaport.com).

All written comments and/or objections regarding this matter should be filed with Port Tampa Bay, Greg Lovelace, Director of Cargo & Cruise Marketing, at 1101 Channelside Drive, Tampa, Florida 33602 by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 5, 2018. Oral comments and objections may be presented at the hearing.

In accordance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in this hearing should call (813) 905-7678 or fax (813) 905-5109 no later than 48 hours prior to the hearing.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION OF PORT TAMPA BAY WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS PUBLIC HEARING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND, FOR SUCH PURPOSE, MAY NEED TO HIRE A COURT REPORT TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 PUBLIC HEARING****PROPOSED CHANGES TO PORT TAMPA BAY TARIFF NO. 14**

Port Tampa Bay (PTB) reviews its tariff rates, rules, and regulations annually in the context of its cost of operations and competitive position. Port Tampa Bay staff conducted a thorough analysis of our competitive and financial position, necessary capital requirements, and operational considerations as part of the annual Tariff review process in order to assess and determine whether to propose changes to the Tariff. The following proposed changes will contribute towards dock construction, cost recovery of facility and infrastructure improvements as well as ongoing maintenance of the facilities. In addition, compliance with US Customs & Border Protection for cruise and cargo operations requires ongoing investment.

Note: PTB currently does not assess a security fee and has chosen to refrain from adopting a security fee at this time. In addition, PTB staff recommends no increase in cargo wharfage fees at this time.

Prior to submitting proposed changes to the PTB Board of Commissioners, a public hearing is scheduled for September 6, 2018 to receive public comment concerning the proposed changes. After extensive analysis, PTB proposes the following changes to Port Tampa Bay Tariff No. 14 (<https://www.porttb.com/tariff-information>):

1. Item C75, Weighing of Vehicles - Increase the fee from \$8.00 per weigh to \$10.00 per weigh. Effective October 1, 2018. The last increase was effective 11 years ago. Current fee does not cover the cost of providing the service.
2. Item D00, Harbor Master Fee - Increase from \$0.75 per foot LOA to \$1.00 per foot LOA. Effective October 1, 2018. The last increase was effective 11 years ago. The proposed increase allows for a contribution towards offsetting maintenance costs of the PORTS navigational aids system and PTB harbor operations and maintenance.
3. Item D35, Dockage (Vessels, Barges and Tugboats) - Increase dockage rates 3% each year for four years effective: October 1, 2018; October 1, 2019; October 1, 2020; and October 1, 2021. The last increase was effective 2 years ago.
4. Item D35, Dockage (Passenger Vessels) - Increase dockage rates 3% each year for three years effective: October 1, 2019; October 1, 2020; October 1, 2021. The last increase was 2 years ago.
5. Item E15, Passenger Traffic Wharfage - Increase passenger wharfage fee from \$7.00 per passenger to \$8.00 per passenger effective October 1, 2019. The last increase in passenger wharfage fee was 4 years from the proposed rate increase.

6. Item L20, Insurance Requirements - Establish a new requirement that “stevedores” and “marine terminal operators” licensed by PTB must maintain “L20.2.g Pollution/Environmental Liability” coverage. Effective date November 1, 2019. The minimum limits of liability, which are \$1,000,000 per Occurrence/\$1,000,000 Aggregate per the Tariff, would apply to stevedores and marine terminal operators.