

**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 9:00 a.m. Friday, August 30, 2019 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 C92, Short Term Land Usage – Increase rent from \$6,000 per acre per month to \$7,000 per acre per month and add requirement to execute a license agreement prior to occupancy.
2. Section I, Handling Rates, Item I38 (General Cargo); I47 (Iron, Steel, Aluminum, Brass, Bronze, Copper of Lead Articles) and I70 (Project Cargo) – Increase rates 4.5% for specified commodities.
3. Minor revisions to text for clarity purposes that will not affect rates, rules or regulations.

Additional information on each of the above items is available online at the PTB website at www.tampaport.com.

All written comments and/or objections regarding this matter should be filed with Port Tampa Bay, Greg Lovelace, Senior Director of Business Development, at 1101 Channelside Drive, Tampa, Florida 33602 by 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 29, 2019. 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 REPORTER 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
AUGUST 30, 2019, 9:00 A.M., 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.

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 August 30, 2019 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. Short Term Land Usage (C92). This rule establishes a monthly base rent for expeditious use of premises, approved by PTB, for less than one-year period. Recommend to increase rent from \$6,000 per acre per month to \$7,000 per acre per month. The current rent was established in 2006 and has not changed since then. In addition, add the following sentence to the item: *"The short term tenant would execute a license agreement with terms set forth by the Tampa Port Authority prior to occupancy."*
2. Handling fees (Section I). Ports America submitted a formal request that Port Tampa Bay increase handling rates 4.5% for the following commodities: (I38) General Cargo; (I47) Iron, Steel, Aluminum, Brass, Bronze, Copper or Lead Articles; and (I70) Project Cargo. Ports America advised that labor rates will contractually increase an average of 8.03% effective October 1, 2019. Ports America asserts that a 4.5% increase will nearly offset the increase in labor costs. The last increase in terminal handling rates was January 2014, more than 5 years ago. Ports America noted that a slight increase in labor costs occurred last year, October 1, 2018, and was absorbed without increasing fees.
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