

**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 on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. 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 D35, Dockage (Vessels, Barges and Tugboats) - Increase dockage rates 3% each year for three years effective: October 1, 2022; October 1, 2023; October 1, 2024.
2. Item E15, Passenger Traffic Wharfage (from \$8.00 to \$8.50, effective October 1, 2023)
3. All other tariff rates increase + 5% effective October 1, 2022, with the exception of items D35 (Dockage for passenger vessels) and E20 (Passenger Vehicle Parking), which will become effective October 1, 2023.
4. Item D30, Capstan Fee – Reduce Capstan Fee to \$75 per use.

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 Wednesday, August 31, 2022. 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.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR
September 1, 2022, 11:00 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.

Prior to submitting proposed changes to the PTB Board of Commissioners, a public hearing is scheduled for September 1, 2022 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>):

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The 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.