

**Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Mamaroneck urging the
United States Coast Guard to reject proposed rule USCG-2016-0132 in relation to
establishing new long-term anchorage grounds in the Hudson River Estuary in
the County of Westchester**

WHEREAS, Congress designated the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area in Title IX of Public Law 104-333 (1996), as amended by Section 324 of Public Law 105-83; and

WHEREAS, in proposed rule USCG-2016-0132, the United States Coast Guard is considering establishing new long-term anchorage grounds in the Hudson River estuary in the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area; and

WHEREAS, this proposed rule is in conflict with the adopted Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Management Plan approved by the United States Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, such rule would extend significantly the Hudson River Anchorage Ground adjacent to the City of Yonkers, Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, Village of Dobbs Ferry, and other locations in order to allow for increased shipping and on-river storage activities; and

WHEREAS, the proposal is in direct conflict with 50 years of significant effort to clean up the Hudson River estuary and restore its natural habitats by all levels of government and numerous regional and community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, these anchorage sites pose a navigational hazard to recreational and commercial boaters who will be forced to navigate around the anchorages; and

WHEREAS, scientific research shows that the habitats of some fish have been affected by previous anchorage sites; and

WHEREAS, vessels containing volatile crude oil and petroleum products pose a serious health risk whereby an anchored boat containing these hazardous materials could catch fire or spill toxic oil in the river; and

WHEREAS, the proposed anchorage sites would also take a toll on the scenic beauty of the County and waterfront revitalization and tourism; and

WHEREAS, there was no direct notification of the proposed rule made to any of the affected communities along the length of the Hudson River as mandated by Federal Coastal Zone Management requirements; and

WHEREAS, the said proposal would create navigational, health, environmental, economic and quality-of-life problems for the Hudson River waterfront communities of Westchester County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Mamaroneck urges the United States Coast Guard to reject proposed rule USCG-2016-0132 in relation to establishing new long-term anchorage grounds in the Hudson River estuary in Westchester County;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Mamaroneck urges a comprehensive briefing of elected and public safety officials from all affected river communities in Westchester, such briefing to include additional technical details of the proposal, timelines, and the status of the environmental review under NEPA.