

City Manager

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
IN OPPOSITION TO THE PLAN TO
ANCHOR BARGES ALONG THE SHORES OF THE HUDSON RIVER**

WHEREAS, in June 2016, the U.S. Coast Guard announced that it was soliciting comments and concerns from the public on a proposal to establish a large number of anchorage grounds for commercial vessels in the Hudson River that commercial tankers would use as rest stops; and

WHEREAS, vessels containing volatile crude oil and petroleum products pose a serious risk to the Hudson River. An anchored boat containing these hazardous materials could catch fire or spill toxic oil in the River. The health of communities that use and depend upon the Hudson River for recreation and drinking water will be threatened. The sites would also take a toll on the scenic beauty of our region; at least three locations would block the view and otherwise adversely affect popular tourist attractions and new economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, the said proposal would create health, safety environmental and economic problems for Peekskill and other Hudson River communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City of Peekskill hereby states its firm and unequivocal and bipartisan opposition to the proposed anchorages and urges the U.S. Coast Guard to conduct public meetings and include this document as a statement of our position, and ultimately, to abandon this proposal.

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October 18, 2016 DATE
CITY CLERK AND REGISTRAR

ADOPTED OCTOBER 17, 2016