



**CITY OF BEACON  
CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 97 OF 2016**

**CALLING UPON THE COAST GUARD TO HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING IN THE CITY OF  
BEACON TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED NEW ANCHORAGE GROUND IN THE HUDSON  
RIVER BETWEEN BEACON AND NEWBURGH**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Coast Guard is considering establishing new anchorage grounds in the Hudson River from Yonkers, NY to Kingston, NY as it has received requests suggesting that anchorage grounds may improve navigation safety along an extended portion of the Hudson River, which currently has no anchorage grounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coast Guard while considering such rule is seeking comments and information about the operational needs for new anchorage grounds and what form possible regulations should take; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coast Guard's notice advises that it is considering proposing that an anchorage ground covering approximately 445 acres for up to five vessels be established as a Newburgh anchorage ground; and

**WHEREAS**, a map is attached to this Resolution which depicts the proposed Hudson River Anchorage proposal and such anchorage area would be opposite Dennings Point and Scenic Hudson's Long Dock Park.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Council of the City of Beacon hereby requests that as the proposed Newburgh Anchorage Ground a) is closer to Beacon than to Newburgh; b) is the second largest proposed anchorage ground; c) is directly opposite Beacon's waterfront; and d) will have a direct impact of the City's view shed, quality of life and impact its tourist economy that the Coast Guard hold a public meeting to be hosted by the City of Beacon and held at City Hall for the purpose of the Coast Guard to explain the proposal and to receive public comment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City Council requests further information be provided including, but not limited, to the following:

- a) Whether in considering adopting proposed rules permitting new anchorage grounds, will the Coast Guard comply with the National Environmental Protection Act ("NEPA")?
- b) On average, how many ships per year would use such anchorage positions?
- c) On average how long would a ship be anchored?
- d) What are the potential impacts associated with noise from the ships?

- e) What are the potential impacts associated with lights on the ship?
- f) What are the potential impacts to the view shed when considered from all points in the City of Beacon?
- g) What is the potential economic impact on tourism in the City of Beacon from locating such anchorage points directly opposite the City's waterfront?
- h) Are the proposed anchorage points consistent with the City of Beacon's Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan?
- i) If there is going to be further consideration of these proposed anchorage grounds, will the Coast Guard correctly label such grounds by reference to the municipality that borders both sides of the Hudson River such that the proposed Newburgh anchorage ground would be labeled as the Beacon/Newburgh anchorage ground so the public is more fully informed?
- j) Details as to the height, length and width of the ships that would be expected to anchor at the Beacon/Newburgh anchorage ground.
- k) Types of materials that ships would be hauling that would be potentially anchored at the Beacon/Newburgh anchorage ground.

<b>Resolution No. <u>97</u> of 2016</b>		<b>Date: <u>August 15, 2016</u></b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Amendments</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>On roll call</b>				<input type="checkbox"/> <b>2/3 Required</b>	
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Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
		<b>Ali Muhammad</b>	<b>x</b>				
		<b>Omar Harper</b>	<b>x</b>				
		<b>Lee Kyriacou</b>	<b>x</b>				
<b>x</b>		<b>George Mansfield</b>	<b>x</b>				
		<b>Pam Wetherbee</b>	<b>x</b>				
	<b>x</b>	<b>Peggy Ross</b>	<b>x</b>				
		<b>Randy Casale</b>	<b>x</b>				
		<b>Motion Carried</b>	<b>x</b>				