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The marine tariff was last amended in January 2025 with increases in cruise ship port dues and wharfage fees for the St. Thomas/St. John district.

**DISCUSSION:**

**A. Proposed Adjustments to Existing Marine Fees**

**1) Red Hook Barge Ramp Fees**

Red Hook barge ramp fees have remained unchanged for approximately 19 years since its implementation in 2006. The chart below shows the current round-trip charge versus the proposed fees.

St. Thomas/St. John Barge Ramp Fees (Round-Trip)	Current	Proposed	Increase (\$)	Increase (%)
	Fee R/T	Fee R/T		
Per car, small-medium SUVs & motorcycles	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$3.00	100%
Per pick-up trucks and vans (large SUVs, personal vans)	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$2.00	50%
Per heavy trucks and equipment	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$10.00	50%
Other vehicles (commercial vans, hearses, safari taxis)	\$6.00	\$10.00	\$4.00	67%
Containers, 20 feet and less	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$10.00	50%
Containers, more than 20 feet (large trucks, trucks with chassis, fuel trucks)	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$10.00	33%

**2) BVI Inter-Island Passenger Wharfage & Ship Dues**

Inter-Island Passenger ferry service between the BVI and USVI is charged per-passenger ship dues and wharfage for use of the harbor and wharf premises under the control of VIPA. The current and proposed fees are listed below. These fees were last increased in 2014.

BVI Inter-Island Passenger Ship Dues & Wharfage				
Fee Per Passenger	Current	Proposed	Increase (\$)	Increase (%)
Ship Dues	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$1.00	50%
Wharfage - Inbound	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$1.00	33%
Wharfage - Outbound	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$1.00	33%
Total Ship Dues & Wharfage	\$8.00	\$11.00	\$3.00	38%

**3) Docking Fees**

Any vessel, except cruise vessels, berthing at any VIPA-owned wharf, dock, pier or bulkhead structure is currently charged \$1.00 per running foot per 24-hour period. Staff is proposing to increase this fee to \$3.00 per day. This fee was last increased eight years ago.

Docking Fees per each 24-hour period (All VIPA-owned docking facilities)				
Measurement	Current	Proposed	Increase (\$)	Increase (%)
Per running foot, per vessel	\$1 <sup>93</sup>	\$3	\$2	200%

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**4) Red Hook Parking Rates**

Current rates for the parking garage at the Urman V. Fredericks Marine Terminal in Red Hook have been in effect since July 27, 2020. Below compares the current rates to those proposed.

Red Hook Parking Lot Rates					
Current		Proposed Rate		Increase (\$)	Increase (%)
0 - 15 Minutes	\$0	0 - 15 Minutes	\$0	\$0	0%
16 Minutes - 1 Hour	\$4	16 Minutes - 1 Hour	\$4	\$0	0%
1 - 2 Hours	\$6	1 - 2 Hours	\$6	\$0	0%
2-3 Hours	\$8	2-3 Hours	\$8	\$0	0%
3-4 Hours	\$12	3-4 Hours	\$12	\$0	0%
4 - 5 Hours	\$12	4 - 5 Hours	\$15	\$3	25%
5 - 24 Hours	\$15	5 - 24 Hours	\$20	\$5	33%
Daily Rate	\$15	Daily Rate	\$20	\$5	33%
Lost Ticket	\$15	Lost Ticket	\$20	\$5	33%
Monthly* (Public)	\$175**	Monthly (Public)	\$250	\$75	43%
Monthly* (Tenant/Employee)	100	Monthly (Tenant/Employee)	\$150	\$50	50%
Daily (Tenant/Employee)	\$5	Daily (Tenant/Employee)	\$10	\$5	100%

\* VIPA reserves the right to limit the number of monthly passes due to limited space.

\*\* Any previous special rate extended will expire upon the effective date of new rates.

**B. Proposed New Marine Fees**

**1) Barge Ramp Additional Passenger Fee (non-driver)**

This proposed fee will charge each passenger of a vehicle (non-driver) traveling by barge within the USVI a fee of \$2.00 round trip.

**2) USVI Inter-Island Passenger Wharfage**

Staff is proposing a new wharfage fee of \$1.00 per passenger, each way, to be charged to each vessel for the service or use of wharf premises under VIPA’s control.

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**3) Cargo Overflow Staging Fee**

The implementation of cargo overflow staging areas at VIPA’s cargo facilities provides customers with a temporary laydown and container storage area. The proposed fee structure is as follows:

<b>Proposed Cargo Overflow Staging Area Fees (STX, STJ, STT)</b>		
Vehicles under 4000 lbs. STT & STX	\$20.00	per day
Vehicles 4000 lbs. and over - STT & STX	\$50.00	per day
Heavy Equipment - STJ	\$15.00	per hour
Heavy Equipment - STT, STX, & STJ	\$100.00	per day
20ft. Containers or Chassis - STJ	\$15.00	per hour
20ft. Containers or Chassis - STT, STX, & STJ	\$100.00	per day
40ft. Containers or Chassis - STJ	\$25.00	per hour
40ft. Containers or Chassis - STT, STX, & STJ	\$150.00	per day
Fuel Tankers under 3,000 gallons - STT, STX, & STJ	\$200.00	per day
Fuel Tankers 3,000 gallons and over - STT, STX, & STJ	\$300.00	per day

**4) Paid Parking at Cruz Bay Parking Lot**

VIPA owns the largest parking lot in the Cruz Bay area and seeks the opportunity to generate revenues at competitive rates with other paid parking lots in the surrounding area. The proposed rates are as follows:

<b>Cruz Bay Parking Lot Rates (Proposed)</b>	
<b>Day/Evening Rates</b>	
<b>Hourly Parking (5:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.)</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>
0 - 30 Minutes	\$0.00
31 Minutes - 9 Hours	\$5.00
Over 9 Hours (Max Daily Rate)	\$50.00
<b>Night/Overnight Rates</b>	
<b>Hourly Parking (7:00 P.M. - 5:00 A.M.)</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>
7:00 P.M - 12:00 A.M.	\$6.00
12:00 A.M. - 5:00 A.M.	\$8.00