

RECREATION, LIBRARIES AND AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

10-0216R

AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR TEMPORARY SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR
THE AERIAL LIFT BRIDGE DURING THE PERIOD MAY 3 THROUGH
OCTOBER 31.

BY COUNCILOR GARDNER:

WHEREAS, the city council recognizes the need for efficiency and management of traffic congestion between the Canal Park business district and Minnesota Point and the need for water vessel access under the Aerial Lift Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the city council acknowledges receipt of preliminary approval from the U.S. Coast Guard to test a new schedule starting May 3, 2010, through October 31, 2010, whereby between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., seven days per week, the bridge will open on the hour and half hour for smaller water vessels, will open on signal for all vessels from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., and at all times for federal, state and local government vessels used for public safety, vessels in distress, commercial vessels engaged in rescue or emergency salvage operations, vessels engaged in pilot duties, vessels seeking shelter from sever weather and all commercial vessels 300 gross tons or greater.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city council hereby approves the implementation of this temporary schedule for the Aerial Lift Bridge for the 2010 navigation season.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the council requests that within 30 days of the expiration of the temporary schedule on October 31, 2010, city administration meet with the Coast Guard and community stakeholders, including charter boat captains, to evaluate data, assess the effectiveness of the schedule to determine whether it should be permanently implemented, and if so deemed, to discuss any changes the group determines are appropriate and necessary.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the implementation of a temporary schedule for the Aerial Lift Bridge during the 2010 navigation season.