

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 ENTITLED "RECREATION FACILITIES",
SECTION 11-4 "BOATS", BY CREATING NEW SECTION 11-4.10
"TRANSIENT OVERNIGHT ANCHORING" OF THE CODE OF
THE BOROUGH OF KEYPORT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Keyport seeks to promote safe, orderly and environmentally responsible use of Keyport Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the increase in transient vessel activity requires clear rules and oversight for overnight anchoring as recommended by the Harbor Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Keyport (the "Borough") is desirous of establishing rules and oversight for anchoring in Keyport Harbor by creating in Chapter 11 Recreation Facilities, a new Section 11-4.10 "Transient Overnight Anchoring";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Keyport that the following new Section of Chapter 11 of the Borough Code be and is hereby created to read as follows:

Deletions are noted by ~~strike-throughs~~

Additions are indicated in **bold underline**

Language that remains unchanged is not highlighted in any way

SECTION I

Chapter 11 Recreation Facilities

§11-4.10 Transient Overnight Anchoring.

- A. Registration and approval required. All transient vessels seeking to anchor overnight in Keyport Harbor, excluding guests of the Keyport Yacht Club, shall be required to register with the Keyport Harbor Master prior to anchoring. All transient vessels must obtain approval from the Harbor Master prior to anchoring overnight.
- B. Designated anchorage areas. All vessels shall anchor only within designated and approved anchorage areas as determined by the Harbor Commission or Harbor Master.
- C. Insurance requirement. All transient vessels must provide proof of liability insurance in an amount not less than two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) prior to being granted anchoring approval.
- D. Time limitation. No transient vessel shall remain anchored within the harbor for more than seventy-two (72) consecutive hours without express authorization from the Harbor Master.
- E. All vessel operators shall maintain the ability to move their vessels promptly if directed by the Harbor Master due to weather conditions, safety concerns, or other emergencies.
- F. Dinghy use. All vessel operators shall utilize only designated and approved dinghy docks and dinghy landing areas and shall not obstruct ramps, docks, or navigation pathways.

G. Penalties. Any person or vessel found to be in violation of the provisions of this Resolution shall be subject to a fine of two hundred fifty hundred dollars (\$250) per day for each day the violation continues. Each day shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION III. REPEALER

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the City, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern.

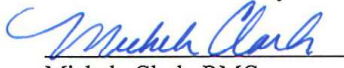
SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication in accordance with law.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED						
Councilmember	Offered	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady		X	X			
Bergen			X			
Kyne			X			
McNamara			X			
Merla	X		X			
Pecora			X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Michele Clark, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the ordinance introduced by the Governing Body of the Borough of Keyport on May 5, 2026.


Michele Clark, RMC
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE ADOPTED						
Councilmember	Offered	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady	X		X			
Bergen						X
Kyne			X			
McNamara			X			
Merla		X	X			
Pecora			X			

Introduced: May 5, 2026
Public Hearing: May 19, 2026
Adopted: May 19, 2026



Michele Clark, RMC
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Rose P. Araneo, Mayor
Borough of Keyport