

Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Pilotage Rate Review Committee

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IN RE: Application For a change in Rates of Pilotage for the Port of Pensacola filed by the Pensacola Pilots LLC.

To all interested parties: the Pilotage Rate Review Committee has determined that as of August 15, 2026, the rates of pilotage at the Port of Pensacola shall be modified as follows:

Base Formula. The formula for calculating base pilotage rates shall be:

Base Pilotage = (LOA x LOA Rate) + (Beam x Beam Rate) + (Draft x Draft Rate) + (GT x GT Rate)

Definitions:

LOA = determined using the maximum length overall (rounded up to the nearest foot). The LOA for conventional tug and barge combinations, whether towing astern, alongside, or pushing ahead, shall be the combined length overall of the tug and barge(s).

Beam = determined using the maximum waterline beam (rounded up to the nearest foot). The beam for tug and barge combinations shall be the maximum waterline beam of the widest vessel in the unit.

Draft = determined using the deepest draft (rounded up to the nearest foot)

GT = determined by using the ITC Gross Registered Tonnage (and will be the maximum value if differing tonnages are listed)

Base pilotage rate. The initial base rates in dollars shall be:

Vessels of GT:	Less than 10,000 GT	10,000 – 30,000 GT	Greater than 30,000 GT
LOA Rate	\$1.25	\$1.75	\$2.25
Beam Rate	\$5	\$10	\$15
Draft Rate	\$45	\$60	\$75
GT Rate	\$0.02	0.025	\$0.03

Special Evolutions. The rates for special evolutions shall be:

a. Shift at Port Docks:

50% of base pilotage rate + applicable fees.

b. Long Shift between Port Docks, Navy Base, and/or Anchorage:

75% of base pilotage rate + applicable fees.

c. Dead Ship Movement:

150% of total pilotage rate + applicable fees.

(Dead Ship Movement is defined as the movement of any vessel equipped with motive power and/or steering capability when such motive power and/or steering capability is or becomes unavailable, for any reason, during any part of the vessel's transit).

Additional fees. Additional fees shall be:

a. Docking/Undocking

- Under 400 feet. \$200.00

- 400 feet or greater. \$400.00

b. Port Dispatch. \$25.00 per vessel movement.

c. Cross-licensed Pilot. \$250.00 per vessel movement.

d. Anchorage/departing anchorage. \$250.00

e. Detention. \$150.00 per half hour, \$300.00 per half hour after the first half hour.

(A delay in departure caused by a medical emergency will not be considered a detention. Also, a delay in arrival, departure, or shift caused by weather conditions inside Pensacola Bay and/or the area offshore of Pensacola including the pilot boarding area will not be considered a detention).

f. Vessel late on ETA at sea buoy. \$150.00 per half hour, \$300.00 per half hour after the first half hour.

g. Cancelled sailing. \$500.00 assessed if cancelled within two hours of arrival or sail time.

h. Pilot carried to sea. \$1,000.00/day plus first class return transport (per pilot if necessary).

(In the event the sole Pensacola Pilot is carried to sea with another vessel ready for transit, the fee will also apply to fund a cross-licensed pilot to travel to Pensacola to pilot the other vessel).

i. Second Pilot. A second pilot may be assigned to any vessel, dead ship tow, abnormal transit, or when there are special weather circumstances. When Pensacola Pilots deem that a second pilot is required, that vessel will be charged two base pilotage rates plus applicable additional fees.

j. Late payment charge. 3% interest per month charged on the unpaid balance of all monies unpaid after 30 days from date of service, compounded monthly.

All rates and fees shall increase by 3% per year for a period of 6 (six) years starting on the anniversary date one year following the effective date of the pilotage rates in this Order.

NOTICE OF HEARING RIGHTS

This Order will become final agency action if no request for a hearing is received by the Pilotage Rate Review Committee (PRRC) by any person whose substantial interests will be affected by this action within twenty-one days after receipt by electronic mail, or publication of this notice in the Florida Administrative Register or in the newspaper, or by close of business on August 7, 2026, whichever is latest. A person whose substantial interests will be affected may petition the PRRC for a hearing involving disputed issues of material fact before an administrative law judge pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, by filing an appropriate petition with the Executive Director of the Committee at Department of Business and Professional Regulation, P.O. Box 5377, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-5377.

A petition for a hearing involving disputed issues of material fact must contain information required by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, including a statement of all disputed issues of material fact. The PRRC may refer a petition to the Division of Administrative Hearings for assignment of an administrative law judge only if the petition is in substantial compliance with the rule requirements.

In the absence of such a petition or if the PRRC concludes that the petitioner has not raised a disputed issue of material fact and does not designate the petition for hearing, this Order shall become final agency action for purposes of Section 120.68, Florida Statutes.

In accordance with Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, mediation is not available.