Sec. 110.414. Derelict Vessel and Floating Structure Removal Fund.

There is hereby created an account to be known as the *Derelict Vessel and Floating Structure Removal Fund*. The Fund may be funded periodically by the City Council in amounts to be determined by Council.

- (a) Derelict Vessels. Grant funds awarded to the City by the State of Florida from the Florida Coastal Protection Trust Fund for removing derelict vessels from County waters shall also be deposited in the fund and shall be automatically appropriated for derelict vessel removal without further Council action. The monies in this account collected from the Florida Coastal Protection Trust Fund shall be used to remove vessels from County waters which have been declared derelict by the Division of Law Enforcement of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The Director of the Department of Neighborhoods shall be authorized and responsible for applying for derelict vessel removal grants from the State, if practicable, and arranging for removal of such vessels. Should abatement reimbursement be obtained for the removal of a derelict vessel, such abatement funds, or other unrestricted monies, shall also be placed in this Fund and may be used to remove derelict vessels, determined as such by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, or by the enforcement officers as described in Chapter 388, Part 2 (Enforcement Authority), Ordinance Code, or Floating Structures.
- (b) Floating Structures. Funds recovered for the abatement or removal of Floating Structures, or other monies, shall be placed in this Fund and may be used for the removal of Floating Structures or derelict vessels. These funds shall be automatically appropriated for Floating Structure removal without further Council action.
- (c) All monies deposited into this account shall carry over fiscal years to be used for the purposes herein described. Nothing in this section shall prohibit or otherwise limit any appropriations which may be made by the Council, or others, for removing derelict vessels and Floating Structures from County waters.

(Ord. 2001-458-E, § 1; Ord. 2005-1283-E, § 7; Ord. 2011-732-E; Ord. 2020-589-E, § 8)

Editor's note(s)—Ordinance 2007-839-E, § 18, authorized updated department/division names pursuant to reorganization.

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