

## **Non-Commercial Pier Permit FAQ's**

### **Why did I get this permit?**

- In January, every pier permittee was issued a paper permit for their noncommercial piers, also referred to as residential piers. You received a paper permit this year so that each pier permittee was informed of the Newport Beach Municipal Codes related to that permit.

### **Why is there a focus on non-commercial piers?**

- In 2010, the City Council formed the Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Harbor Fees. A phased approach has been developed in order to address all the harbor fees including, but not limited to, mooring fees, mooring rental rates, slip rates at the Balboa Yacht Basin, commercial pier fees, and noncommercial pier fees. Recently, the City Council approved fee increases for moorings and Balboa Yacht Basin rates. The next phase will be to examine how commercial pier fees are assessed, with a future goal of evaluating non-commercial pier fees.
- The City Manager and the Ad Hoc Committee decided to insert language in the 2011 non-commercial pier permit in order to remind permittees of the terms of the permit.

### **How do I pay my non-commercial pier permit fee?**

- Your permit fee is included in your Municipal Billing for water and trash. The cost is \$100 per year.

### **Why does the permit refer to NBMC 17.60.030?**

- NBMC 17.60.030 is the code section for Annual Pier Permits for Non-Commercial Piers.
- The pier permittee shall remain in compliance with the Code and pay required fees.

### **Can I rent out my pier?**

- The pier is to be used solely by the abutting uplands owner for noncommercial recreational purposes. The owner or occupant(s) of the residentially zoned upland property may keep a vessel at the pier.

### **How can I find out more information non-commercial piers?**

- The City Council will soon review non-commercial piers and the fee assessment. At that time, additional information will be sent to permittees.