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NOTICE: PALM BEACH COUNTY WATER TAXI INDUSTRY

Palm Beach County has adopted a Countywide Ordinance to be Water Taxi Registration Ordinance. The Board of County Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interests of Palm Beach County and the general public to permit licensed and qualified water taxi service providers to operate water taxis, in order to provide services necessary to transport pedestrian passengers between Designated Docking Facilities and various municipalities in Palm Beach County.

This countywide Water Taxi Registration Ordinance is intended to provide only for a countywide registration and licensing process for water taxi service providers. The registration fee shall be \$150.00, and the license shall be valid for a two (2) year period.

The " Water Taxi Registration Ordinance" has an effective date of May 20, 2014, and gives Water Taxi providers until September 21, 2014 to come into compliance before a civil penalty may be assessed.

The Water Taxi Registration Ordinance does not prohibit individual municipalities within Palm Beach County from adopting municipal ordinances to regulate the operation of water taxi service providers within their respective jurisdictions.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Palm Beach County Water Taxi Registration Ordinance number 2014-016, registration form and checklist. If you have any questions, please contact Eugene Reavis, Manager, Division of Consumer Affairs at (561) 712-6600.

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