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Dear Sir

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
Section 38 – Boat Hire

I am writing to recommend that Dundee City Council discontinue the practice of issuing boat hire licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

Following discussions with representatives from Forth Ports, Leisure & Culture Dundee, the Licensing team, and Legal Services, it was agreed that the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) and Forth Ports Limited already provide comprehensive regulatory oversight for vessel safety, navigation, and operational compliance within Dundee Harbour and adjacent waters.

Continuing local licensing creates unnecessary duplication and administrative burden without adding safety or compliance benefits.

It is therefore recommended that Dundee City Council cease issuing new boat hire licences, redirecting operators to MCA and Forth Ports for regulatory compliance. This change will streamline governance, reduce duplication, and align with national maritime safety standards.

Yours faithfully,

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