CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11A

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA PETITIONING THE ALASKA STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD TO ISSUE UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL RESTAURANT OR EATING PLACE LICENSES UNDER ALASKA STATUTE (AS) 04.11.405

P1 **WHEREAS,** the City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) is incorporated as a home rule municipality and is eligible to seek additional Restaurant or Eating Place Licenses (REPL) from the Alaska State Beverage Control Board through the process outlined in Alaska Statute ("AS") 04.11.405; and

P2 **WHEREAS,** Sitka serves as a hub of regional commerce in Southeast Alaska due to its strategic location, established fishing and seafood industry, role as a service center, and its expanding healthcare and tourism sectors; and

P3 **WHEREAS,** approximately 8,063 people live in Sitka year-round, Sitka employs approximately 3,200 non-local workers and has over 665,000 yearly visitors; those workers and visitors rely on CBS for goods and services meeting the requirements outlined in AS 04.11.405(b)(1)(A); and

P4 **WHEREAS,** the Sitka Police Department meets the criteria of AS 04.11.405 (b)(1)(B) as a local law enforcement department and community jail, and is responsible for maintaining public safety and order within the city, consisting of enforcing state statues and city ordinances as well as providing aid and assistance to residents, visitors and the business community; and

P5 **WHEREAS,** the CBS Planning Commission and the Planning and Community Development Department are tasked with wide-ranging planning and land use authority including, but not limited to, zoning regulation and oversight, management of CBS lands, and updates to the CBS Comprehensive Plan, meeting the conditions outlined in AS 04.11.405(b)(1)(C); and

P6 **WHEREAS,** the CBS currently exceeds the maximum number of REPL licenses allowed under AS 04.11.040(a) with 8 active licenses, meeting the conditions outlined in AS 04.11.405(b)(1)(D) and (c)(3)(B); and

P7 **WHEREAS,** when considering the cumulative number of year-rounds residents, non-local workers, and annual visitors, the total resulting population is well above the additional population that would be required for the 3 additional licenses requested to maintain the 1 to 1,500 ratio mandated under Title 4, meeting the conditions outlined in AS 04.11.405(c)(4); and

P8 **WHEREAS,** expanding the availability of beer and wine sales to additional local restaurants would enhance dining options for both residents and visitors, while also supporting the growth and diversification of Sitka's small business community and related employment opportunities.

P9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka hereby petitions the Alaska State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to issue up to 3 additional restaurant or eating place licenses within the City and Borough of Sitka under Alaska Statute 04.11.405; and

P10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City and Borough of Sitka requests that in the event the Alaska State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board decides to grant this petition request, the Board prioritize applications by established businesses in Sitka which generally operate during ten months of the calendar year or more in cases of mutually exclusive applications for new REPLs issued in accordance with this petition.

P11 **PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 28th day of October, 2025.

Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

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1st and final reading as amended: 10/28/2025

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