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Dear Members of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board,

On behalf of the City and Borough of Sitka (CBS), I respectfully submit this letter in support of our request for three additional restaurant or eating place licenses (REPLs) for our local eateries. In accordance with AS 04.11.405, the CBS Assembly has passed a resolution petitioning for the three (3) additional licenses.

To provide additional context for the data points and rationale used in our resolution, please find our more detailed responses to several of the requirements for REPL petitions by local governing bodies as listed in AS 04.11.405 below.

Local, Visitor, and Nonresident Population Counts

In addition to its permanent resident population of 8,063[1], Sitka serves as a hub of regional commerce in Southeast Alaska due to its strategic location and established fishing and seafood industry. CBS is investing heavily in its seafood and maritime industries through the recently constructed marine haul-out facility to serve our local fleet and those who come from all over the region to access Sitka's expansive fishing grounds.

Expansion within the Sitka's healthcare sector has further increased travel by those seeking medical attention and itinerant healthcare professionals. The Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) is one of the largest Native-run healthcare organizations in the nation which serves 26 communities and over 41,000 patients in Southeast Alaska[2]. Sitka's Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center is the largest of SEARHC's two hospital facilities and provides medical services not only to Sitka residents, but to patients from across the region who require services not available at their local outpatient or traveling clinic facilities[2].

Tourism in Sitka has experienced significant post-pandemic growth, with cruise visitation rising from a previous peak of almost 290,000 annual visitors[3] to over 585,000 annual visitors in 2023[4], over 600,000 visitors in 2024[5], almost 580,000 visitors in

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[1] Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office. "Population as of July 2024." February 2025.
[2] SEARHC. "2024 Year in Numbers." March 2025.
[3] Visit Sitka. "Sitka Historic Cruise Passenger Visitation." December 2021.
[4] Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska. "2023 Cruise Passenger Count." November 2023.
[5] Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska. "2024 Cruise Passenger Count." January 2025.

2025[6], and over 600,000 expected for the 2026 season[7]. It is also notable that cruise passenger numbers as reported by Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska (CLAA) do not include smaller cruise lines they are not associated/partnered with, or yachts that CLAA services which in 2024 was estimated to be approximately 5,000 additional visitors.[4] Independent travel to Sitka has also risen, with summer enplanement at the Sitka Rocky Guiterrez Airport rising 15% between 2017 and 2024, and the number of nights rented at short-term rentals regulated by the CBS Planning & Community Development Department growing 52% between 2018 and 2024[8]. Visit Sitka, our local visitor and convention bureau, estimates that over 65,000 independent travelers arrived in Sitka via air travel in 2022 and 2023[9].

Sitka's economy, particularly its seasonally-driven seafood and tourism sectors, rely on non-local employment. The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development reported that 3,184 non-local workers (369 non-local Alaska residents and 2,815 non-residents) worked in Sitka in 2023[10].

In consideration of our petition, CBS closely reviewed recent petitions for additional REPLs from other local governments including the City and Borough of Juneau (Juneau), the City of Homer (Homer), the City of Valdez (Valdez), the City of Wasilla (Wasilla), the City and Borough of Haines (Haines) and the City of Soldotna (Soldotna). The resulting population-to-REPL ratios are demonstrated in the below table:

Community	Petition Date	Pre-Petition Active Licenses	Total Available Licenses Post-Petition	Permanent Resident Population	Greater Area Population	Non-Local/Non-Resident Worker Population	Visitor Population	Total Population	Total Population per License Post-Petition
Juneau	4/15/2025	22	30	31,336	-	4,000	1,600,000	1,635,336	54,511
Homer	4/15/2025	15	20	5,648	12,811	-	231,057	249,516	12,476
Haines	2/4/2025	3	5	2,575	-	-	173,500	176,075	35,215
Soldotna	4/16/2024	6	26	4,342	59,819	-	330,678	394,839	15,186
Wasilla	11/13/2023	15	35	9,547	102,205	-	174,000	285,752	8,164
Valdez	8/22/2023	6	16	3,950	5,682	5,922	73,306	88,860	5,554
Sitka	**Pending**	**8**	**11**	**8,063**	**-**	**3,184**	**665,000**	**676,247**	**61,477**

Sitka currently has 6 active, year-round REPLs, and 2 active, seasonal REPLs. In determining the appropriate number of additional licenses to request, CBS aimed to have commensurate post-petition licenses to population ratios with the other two Southeast Alaska communities that have had recent petitions approved, Juneau and Haines, to account for the unique geographic isolation of Southeast Alaska communities and the nature of the visitor industry in the region. With 3 additional REPLs approved, Sitka's resulting license to population ratio would be lower than those as approved by

[6] Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska. "2025 Cruise Passenger Count." October 2025.
[7] Daily Sitka Sentinel. "Cruise Dock Owner Hails Progress Over Season." September 2025.
[8] City and Borough of Sitka. "2024 Annual Short-Term Rental Report." April 2025.
[9] Visit Sitka. "Annual Workplan & Budget Request FY25." April 2024.
[10] Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development. "Nonresidents Working in Alaska, 2023." February 2025.

the ABC Board for Juneau and Haines earlier this year, and would represent the lowest post-petition license to population ratio in any of the above communities if approved.

Public Interest

The granting of additional REPLs in Sitka is in the public interest to support our local business community as well as providing improved service to locals and visitors alike. As was noted during consideration of this petition by our Tourism Commission and Planning Commission, additional REPLs can support growth and sustainability for year-round food businesses/restaurants. Increasing the number of REPLs will allow existing businesses to grow, new businesses to start, and for both to meet the demand of our sizeable visitor and seasonal worker populations while still providing year-round employment and dining options for locals. In order to best preserve these public interests, the Assembly has also stated, through the adopted resolution and at the request of the Planning Commission, its preference to have established, year-round businesses (those that operate during at least ten months per year) prioritized in cases of mutually exclusive applications for the additional licensed issued through the ABC Board's acceptance of this petition.

As detailed below, CBS engaged in thorough, robust public review and comment period, and the resulting resolution for the petition is reflective of the input received. While initially proposing 4 additional REPLs, the Assembly sponsors of the resolution incorporated feedback from our Tourism Commission and increased the licenses requested to 6 in the first version of the resolution reviewed by the Assembly at its August 12th meeting. However, given the public comment received at that meeting, the Assembly amended the resolution to reduce the additional licenses requested to 3 which was ultimately passed in the final version of the resolution at the October 28th Assembly meeting. These changes in the final, passed resolution represent a fair and responsive compromise that, the Assembly feels, accommodates the varying public interests expressed during public comment on the petition.

Public Comment Period

In consideration of this request, CBS offered several public comment opportunities including:

- A review and recommendation for approval by our Tourism Commission occurred on July 10, 2025, which was publicly advertised and included an opportunity for public testimony.
- A notice was sent to all active alcohol license holders in Sitka on July 22, 2025, which provided instruction on options for written, telephonic, and in-person comment at the August 12, 2025, Assembly meeting.
- The Assembly co-sponsors of the resolution published a Letter to the Editor in the Sitka Sentinel on August 4, 2025, providing the public with information about the petition and instructions on options for written, telephonic, and in-person comment at the August 12, 2025, Assembly meeting.

- The Assembly took public comment at its August 12, 2025, meeting which was publicly advertised, and when the resolution was first considered. The resolution was amended and postponed for further public comment and review by the Planning Commission.
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- A review and recommendation for approval by our Planning Commission occurred on October 1, 2025, which was publicly advertised and included an opportunity for public testimony.
- A review by our Health Needs and Human Services Commission occurred on October 15, 2025, which was publicly advertised and included an opportunity for public testimony.
- A notice was sent to all active alcohol license holders in Sitka on October 20, 2025, which provided instruction on options for written, telephonic, and in-person comment at the October 28, 2025, Assembly meeting.
- The Assembly took public comment at its October 28, 2025, meeting which was publicly advertised and when the resolution passed.

Copies of public notices, notices to active alcohol license holders, meeting minutes, and written public comments are enclosed for the Board's reference.

In conclusion, the City and Borough of Sitka thanks the Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for its consideration of our petition to issue three additional REPLs in Sitka which we believe meets all of the requirements of AS 04.11.405. CBS staff members are happy to provide any additional information ahead of, or at, the Board's meeting at which this petition will be considered.

Sincerely,

Amy Ainslie
Planning and Community Development Director
City and Borough of Sitka

<u>ENCLOSED</u>
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LEGAL NOTICE
Historic Preservation Commission

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POSITION VACANCY: The Sitka School District is accepting applications for a full-time building secretary position at Blatchley Middle School. Qualifications include high school diploma or equivalent, and ability to organize an efficient, businesslike office. Proficiency in use of Microsoft Office 365 is recommended. Current CPR & First Aid Card required. Position begins July 31, 2024. Starting wage: $23.19, plus benefits. Closing date: Open until filled. Apply on the district website: sitkaschools.org, click on Employment. The Sitka School District is an equal opportunity employer. Alaska Natives are encouraged to apply.

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Parkinson's Disease Support Group On

Sitka has an active Parkinson's Disease support group that meets 4:30-5:30 p.m. each Wednesday at 1212 Seward Avenue, on the road just past SEARHC hospital.

Those who are affected by Parkinson's and their health care support people are invited to understand more about the disease.

"This is a group that learns something new every week and supports each other in exercising, emotionally and in new information," organizers said.

"Parkinson's does not have to define a person. We can live a good life and learn new ways to cope, making life better every day."

Those with questions can call or text Marjorie at 907-738-3078 or Sonny at 907-738-3535.

Keystone Kops Sought by Group

The Alaska Day Committee is seeking local women to become Keystone Kops.

Participants are in parades, hang with the pipers, and visit schools and hospitals, among other activities.

For an application and interview, contact Laurie at 907 738-6919.

Cuban Dance Party On Tap

Friends of Sitka Circus Arts in partnership with the Baranof Bruins Wrestling Club and Sitka Cirque will co-host a Cuban dance party fundraiser July 12 at the Sitka Cirque Studio, 207 Smith Street.

The family friendly event will begin with dance lessons led by Brendan Jones and Jasmine Shaw, teaching the steps and moves for Rueda de Casino-style circle dances, in which dancers move in response to a designated caller.

Following lessons will be four hours of dancing to put those moves to use.

Homecooked Cuban food will be available for purchase.

Lessons for 7-13 years is set 5-5:45 p.m.; 14-year-olds and older will be taught 6-7 p.m. Class sizes are limited to 20. The dance is 7-11 p.m. and is open to all ages.

Fees for the lessons and dance combo are: under 14, $10; and teens and adults, $15. For the dance only 5-14 years, $5; and teens and adults, $10.

Intergenerational Paddling Offered

Sitka Tribe of Alaska will offer in July an intergenerational kayaking series to explore surrounding waters and build connections.

The program is designed for those in tribal households to attend as intergenerational pairs. The program will equip participants with the skills and confidence to safely recreate on the water, strengthen family ties and will weave in cultural components, STA said.

Registration is required. Contact Anna Schumacher in Social Services at 907 966-9662 with questions. Dates and times are 9 a.m.-noon July 22, 24, and 29.

The registration link is https://forms.gle/xdTsP8c4cJPrhox67.

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Police Blotter

Sitka Police Department reported the following calls over the holiday weekend.

July 3

At 8:48 a.m. police were asked to assist troopers in investigating a report of a domestic disurbance on a cruise ship that was due to dock at the cruise ship terminal later that day. Results were forwarded to troopers; alcohol may have been a factor, the report said. Police made no arrests.

Two vehicles were involved in an accident in the 200 block of Lincoln Street at 11:36 a.m. There was some damage but no injuries.

A driver at the National Park visitor center drove away when a park ranger tried to pull him over. Federal citations may be issued.

At 7:40 p.m. a caller complained of a dog off-leash at Moller field in spite of city ordinance. The animal control officer was to be notified.

An intoxicated person in the 1500 block of HPR was found to be able to care for himself.

July 4

At 6:12 a.m. a bear was reported to have eaten some chickens in the 2000 block of Cascade Creek Road.

At 11:21 a.m. an intoxicated woman was reported on the ground at Sandy Beach. Police checked on her and found she was OK.

A complaint of harassment turned out to be a misunderstanding.

A trooper cited a driver on Katlian Street for driving with a revoked license.

At 10:38 p.m. a bear again was reported after chickens in the 2000 block of Cascade Creek Road.

At 11:25 p.m. an incident of drunkenness was reported at ANB Harbor.

July 5

At 12:38 a.m. a caller in the Baranof and Biorka streets area said she'd returned from work and found someone had broken out the passenger side window of her vehicle.

At 8:47 a.m. a bear and two cubs were reported eating berries in the area of Charteris Street and Wortman Loop.

At 12:21 p.m. a sign was reported left in the middle of the roundabout. It was to be removed.

At 8:56 p.m. bears were reported getting into garbage on Shelikof Way.

An out-of-town caller asked for a welfare check on a daughter not heard from in a while. However, the daughter texted the parent shortly afterward.

At 11 p.m. callers complained of fireworks on Lance Drive.

July 6

At 12:07 a.m. callers complained of fireworks on Kaasda Heen Court.

At 4:23 a.m. an incident involving drunkenness was reported at ANB Harbor. Police determined those involved were able to take care of themselves.

At 5:20 a.m. a bear and two cubs were reported trying to get into trash on Tilson Street.

At 8:35 p.m. a bear was reported in the 2300 block of HPR.

At 9:38 p.m. an aggressive dog was reported in the ball field next to Blatchley Middle School. It was gone when officers arrived.

July 7

An incident of drunkenness was reported at 12:35 a.m. in the 200 block of Katlian Street, after a bartender refused service.

Emergency Calls

Sitka Fire Department responded to four ambulance calls and a boat fire call at Eliason Harbor on Thursday. On Friday, the 4th of July, it received nine ambulance calls, one search & rescue call and two fire calls. On Saturday, three ambulance calls and one fire call came in; and on Sunday, two ambulance calls and two fire calls were logged.

Sitka Police

Dennis Flores Velazquez, 26, of Davenport, Florida, was charged Friday night with disorderly conduct.

Jack R. McNamee, 22, of Nevis, Minnesota, was charged Saturday with driving under the influence.

Joshua Laukala, 33, of Puyallup, Washington, was charged Saturday with felony driving under the influence and failure to give immediate notice of an accident.

Non-Profits Offered Grant Funding

Grant applications are available for non-profit organizations to apply for annual funding from the City and Borough of Sitka FY 26 general fund.

A total of $45,000 is available for disbursement. Applications are available at City Hall, 100 Lincoln Street, 3rd Floor, in the municipal clerk's office, and at www.cityofsitka.com.

Completed applications can be submitted to the Municipal Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15. Applications received after the time fixed for receipt will not be considered, the city said in a news release. Applications will be awarded in September at a special Assembly meeting. For information, contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 907 747-1826 or clerk@cityofsitka.org.

STA Zumba Slated Fridays

Sitka Tribe of Alaska Zumba classes with Harper and Anna will continue 5:30-6:15 p.m. Fridays July 11, 18 and 25 at the Blatchley Middle School multipurpose Room.

MINI GRANT – Sitka Woman's Club recently donated $500 to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. From left are Kelly Schwarz, Sitka Woman's Club; Nicole Filipek, Dolly Parton Imagination Library representative; Kimberly Gleason, club member; and Sarah Allison, club member. (Photo provided to the Sentinel)

Workshops To Be Held On Homemade Foods In July

A series of workshops will be held in July on the updated rules for selling homemade foods, how to preserve vegetables by making and canning soups and pickles, and food preservation safety.

Workshops will be led by Sarah Lewis, a health, home and family development agent for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service, and Jasmine Shaw, Extension program assistant in Sitka.

Lewis will lead a free workshop 5:30-7:30 p.m. July 8 to discuss the new Homemade Food Exemption rules. The workshop is for people who have or would like to start a home-based food business, support local foods, or offer homemade foods through their market.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation significantly revised the rules, formerly called the Alaska Cottage Foods Exemption, in 2024. Knowledge of the new rules will help ensure compliance and help people understand the risks and opportunities associated with homemade foods, Lewis said.

The workshop will be held at Sitka Public Library.

On July 9, 5:30-9 p.m., participants will learn to make healthy, home-canned vegetable soups from garden to pantry using a pressure cooker. The group also will learn to make vegetable pickles using the water bath method. The workshop will be at Sitka Lutheran Church. The cost is $40. Children under 12 can attend for free if accompanied by an adult taking the class.

Lewis will lead a free class July 10 outlining the most important food and public safety risks associated with food preservation, such as canning and jarring, and how to minimize those risks. It is designed for community and Tribal leaders and organizations involved with community gardens and farms, food security and sovereignty, food and nutrition education and other food-focused programming. It will run 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the library.

Individuals can register using the online form or visit https://bit.ly/Sitka-Workshops.

For more information, contact Jasmine Shaw at jdshaw2@alaska.edu or 907-747-9440.

Dinner, Cruise For Little League

All are invited to support Sitka Little League by attending a Fin Island dinner and cruise fundraiser July 13.

The Allen Marine boat will depart from Crescent Harbor at 5:15 p.m. The cost is $150 per person.

A 30-minute harbor cruise will be followed by a dinner of Alaskan crab, wild salmon, prime rib, desserts and side dishes at Fin Island Lodge.

A beach bonfire, complete with s'mores, will follow dinner.

Call or text Savanah at 805-698-3014 for more information and tickets.

The league is raising funds for new equipment, rising field costs and future all-stars, a press release said.

Community Picnic Listed for July 12

Sitka Tribe of Alaska will host its annual community picnic 11 a.m.-3 p.m. July 12 at the Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School playground.

It will be an afternoon of traditional and picnic foods, games, and community gathering. All are invited to attend.

Marine Cruise Offered by STA

Sitka Tribe of Alaska is offering an afternoon on the water 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1.

"Come explore the beauty of Sitka and get an up-close look at the incredible marine life," STA said in a news release. "Join us for a time of connection with nature and one another!"

Those who register will receive follow-up details about the meeting time and location. It is no cost to Tribal citizens and snacks will be provided.

Register at: https://forms.gle/XKEga7yF6zEx44aW6.

Calendar of Events

MONDAY
5:30-6:30 p.m. AA, Sitka Pioneers Home Recreation Kitchen, call AA hotline 747-8866 for information
6 p.m. White Elephant Shop open

TUESDAY
6-8 a.m. MEHS Aquatic Center pool open
10:30 a.m. Sitka Sprouts, ages 3-5 years and caregivers, Sitka Sound Science Center
Noon Sitka Fine Arts Camp Tuesdays at Twelve concert, Odess Theater
Noon AA, St. Peter's basement, call AA hotline 747-8866 for information
Noon Rotary Club, UAS-Sitka Campus Room 230
5:30 p.m. Homemade Food Exemption rules presentation, Sitka Public Library
6 p.m. Assembly, Centennial Hall

WEDNESDAY
6-8 a.m. MEHS Aquatic Center pool open
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Made in Sitka Market, Harrigan Centennial Hall
11-2 Salvation Army Little Store open
Noon White Elephant Shop open
Noon AA, St. Peter's basement, call AA hotline 747-8866 for information
Noon STA Tribal Council, via Teleconference
4:30 p.m. Sitka Parkinson's Support Group, 1212 Seward Ave. (the old BOQ) 907 747-3461
5:30 p.m. Scripture Walk, national park visitor center
7 p.m. Sitka Sportsman's Association Indoor Range open
7 p.m. AA, St. Gregory's Church, 606 Etolin Street, info: 907-747-8866

Sitka Tells Tales Live Event Set

Sitka Tells Tales, the local live storytelling series, will present "Breakthrough ll: Stories of Unexpected Change & Seeing Anew" 7-8 p.m. Friday, July 11, at Harbor Mountain Brewery.

It will feature true stories rehearsed and then told live before an audience by friends and neighbors, hosted by Artchange, Inc.

The program will then air/stream on KCAW Raven Radio in August.

STA Planning Fish Distribution

Sitka Tribe of Alaska will have a fish distribution event 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, July 11, at SPC Cold Storage.

Elders are welcome to go to the front of the line.

"We honor and prioritize our elders at all community events," STA said.

Contact Jade with any questions at 907 747-7245 or jade.nodes@sitka-tribe-nsn.gov

SFS, Coliseum Set Screening for 'Wedding Banquet'

Sitka Film Society and Coliseum Theater will present "The Wedding Banquet" 5 p.m. Thursday, July 10, at the Coliseum Theater.

The film, rated R, is a joyful comedy of errors about "a chosen family navigating cultural identity, queerness and family expectations," according to one description. It stars Bowen Yang and Lily Gladstone, and is inspired by the original film, made in 1993 by Ang Lee.

Tickets are $10 at Old Harbor Books and the door.

Tuesdays at Twelve Concerts Planned

All are invited to the Sitka Fine Arts Camp's free "Tuesdays at Twelve" concert series noon July 8 and 15 at the Odess Theater at Allen Hall.

Concerts will highlight the many emerging musicians involved in SFAC. Each performance will be family-friendly and feature a different musical genre.

Scripture Walks Set in the Park

St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church will lead Scripture Walks in Sitka National Historical Park 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays through July 30.

All are welcome to meet at the visitor center for a short walk to enjoy nature and reflect on sacred readings and prayers.

For information, send an email to stpetersbytheseak@gmail.com or call 907 747-3977 and leave a message for a call back. The church is located at 611 Lincoln Street, and is open every day to stop in for a time of quiet reflection and prayer.

PBS, Library Set Program for Parents

Alaska Public Media PBS Kids and Sitka Public Library invite parents and/or caretakers of children 3 to 8 years old to attend a "PBS Kids Growing Up Well: Supporting Your child's Social Emotional & Character Development" program 4-6 p.m. July 31 at the library.

The program will help children develop their social an emotional skills and habits with their favorite characters including Daniel Tiger and Sesame Street.

Participants can join the PBS team to learn techniques that will help a child become more self-aware and have more self-control.

To register call the library at 907 747-4020. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Each family will receive a $50 gift card.

For information call 907 747-4020 or e-mail Maite at maite.lorente@cityofsitka.org.

Animal Shelter Survey Available

Friends of Sitka Animal Shelter is seeking community input on what type of animal shelter services they'd like to see in Sitka.

The group has a 5- to 10-minute survey that can be found on its website at www.sitkaanimalfriends.org and its Facebook page.

Additionally, paper copies of the survey can be filled out at the Sitka Public Library.

Grants Offered to Cancer Victims

Sitka Cancer Survivors Society offers grants to those dealing with cancer. Applications can be picked up at Sitka Realty, 228 Harbor Drive.

The public is reminded of the Path of Hope, an inspirational park located next to Moller track.

Donations are being accepted at P.O. Box 1624, Sitka. The organization has a new website at Sitkacancersurvivorssociety.org

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Meeting Minutes
Tourism Commission

Officers: Chair Jeremy Plank; Vice Chair Ian Dempster; and Secretary Carol Bryant-Martin
Members: Devon Calvin; Vaughn Hazel; Bethany Lowrance; Alana Peterson; and Rachel Roy, Visit Sitka (Ex Officio)
Staff Liaison: Amy Ainslie, P&CD Director (Ex Officio); Holly Bayne, Deputy City Clerk.
Assembly Liaison: Chris Ystad, Scott Saline (Alternate)

July 10, 2025	6:00 P.M.	Harrigan Centennial Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Jeremy Plank called the Tourism Commission meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL
Present: Carol Bryant-Martin; Devon Calvin; Ian Dempster; Vaughn Hazel; Bethany Lowrance; Alana Peterson (arrived 6:15 p.m.); Jeremy Plank; Scott Saline (Assembly)
Absent: Rachel Roy (excused)
Staff: Amy Ainslie, P&CD Director
Public: Richard Wein, Larry Edwards, Thor Christianson (Assembly)

Secretary Bryant-Martin confirmed quorum was present.

III. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA
No agenda changes were made.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
M-Bryant-Martin/S-Dempster moved to approve the May 8, 2025 and June 12, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

V. NEW BUSINESS
A. Review of a municipal petition to the Alaska State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to increase the number of restaurant and eating licenses in Sitka.
Commission members reviewed Ainslie's 7/3/25 memo regarding a petition and draft CBS resolution for additional restaurant and eating place licenses (REPLs) in the City and Borough of Sitka. Ainslie stated REPLs are only available for "bona fide restaurants" to sell brewed beverages and wine on licensed premises (hard liquor not permitted). Ainslie also stated municipalities in Alaska cannot have more than 1 REPL per 1,500 residents without a petition. She presented the State's criteria for additional REPL petitions as well as an overview of other Alaskan municipalities' approved petitions in recent years which included Juneau, Homer, Haines, Valdez, Wasilla, and Soldotna which were based on ratios of licenses to permanent residents, visitors, and non-residents. Ainslie recommended that Commissioners take public comment and provide suggestions for the Assembly to consider on the draft resolution/petition. Commissioners discussed population estimates and felt CBS could possibly qualify for 8 to 12 additional licenses. Richard Wein spoke in favor of the petition and suggested the city apply for ten or more to accommodate growing demand from visitors. Scott Saline stated that 4 licenses wasn't enough for Sitka. Assembly co-sponsor for the resolution, Thor Christianson, spoke in favor of the petition but cautioned against requesting too many licenses such that the petition would not be approved. Commission

members discussed the goals of promoting economic growth and supporting small businesses by applying for as many REPLs as possible. Peterson spoke to the financial difficulties of running a restaurant in Sitka, especially in the winter months, without an REPL. There was discussion on what the right number to request would be. Lowrance stated she was aware of 4-5 businesses that would be highly interested in applying for additional licenses if available. Calvin stated four additional licenses was too many.

M-Bryant-Martin/S-Lowrance moved to support the City and Borough of Sitka's petition to the Alaska State Alcoholic Control Board to issue up to six additional restaurant or eating place licenses. Motion passed 6-1 by roll call vote with Calvin opposed.

B. Review a zoning change regulating the development of new cruise docks

Ainslie presented current efforts and progress on a zoning change to regulate the development of new cruise ship docks based on recommendation #23 from the Tourism Task Force that the Planning Commission was working on. Key provisions included proposed definitions of "cruise ship" and "cruise ship dock", which zones had been identified as allowing cruise ship docks as a conditional use versus being a prohibited use, proposed permit submission requirements, and criteria for evaluating impacts of proposed cruise ship docks as a part of the permitting process. Commissioners asked about the extent of zoning for the whole borough, with Ainslie noting that the majority of lands in the borough (outside of the road system and islands in Sitka Sound) are not zoned. Commissioners asked Ainslie how existing cruise ship docks would be affected by the zoning change, and Ainslie responded by stating that existing docks would be allowed to continue under legal non-conforming use permits. Peterson stated that she would like to see more consideration of environmental impacts in permitting potential cruise ship dock developments, recognizing Ainslie's comments that many environmental standards were monitored and enforced at State and Federal levels. Ainslie stated that compliance with State and Federal laws was a common condition of approval for conditional use permits which helps to promote environmental protections.

Plank opened the floor for public comment. Larry Edwards and Richard Wein advocated that in the zoning change, cruise ship docks should be prohibited in all zones as it served as a stronger form of protection against additional cruise ship docks that the community may not wish to see developed as opposed to allowing the use conditionally. Edwards also stated that cruise ship docks should also be prohibited in all un-zoned areas of the borough.

Commissioners reviewed the list of proposed zones in which cruise ship docks would be a conditional use, and discussed changing it to a prohibited use in all or more zones. Commissioners discussed the merits (stronger regulatory position to deny proposals) and drawbacks (deterrence of economic development/investment in Sitka) of making the use prohibited in all zones. The Commission decided it would be best to have the Planning Commission consider these comments, re-evaluate zoning districts in which cruise ship docks would be conditional versus prohibited, and review again once this had taken place. No action was taken.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD *(For items ON or OFF the agenda and not to exceed 3 minutes)*

Scott Saline shared information he had learned at a recent meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding Fort Babcock, and his concern about the lack of public process regarding permitting of commercial users to take visitors there and Shoal's Point. Larry Edwards stated that he would like to see recordings of Commission meetings made more publicly accessible by posting them on the city website. Richard Wein echoed Larry Edward's comments and added that he would also like meeting transcripts be made available. Wein also commented on liquor licenses noting that SEARHC held a license and support

for six or more additional licenses, and reiterated his previous statements on the zoning change for cruise ship docks and making them a prohibited use in all zones.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

M-Bryant-Martin/S-Lowrance moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes By: Carol Bryant-Martin, Secretary

Amy Ainslie

From: Sara Peterson
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 2:33 PM
Cc: Holley Bayne; Brian Schoenfelder
Subject: Liquor License Information: Addt'l Restaurant and Eating Place Licenses (REPLs) in Sitka
Attachments: DRAFT Resolution 2025-xx_Addtl REPLs.pdf; Addtl REPL Petition_Background Info.pdf

Importance: High

Hello,

The City and Borough of Sitka is reaching out to all active alcohol license holders in Sitka to share the attached resolution, which is scheduled for public hearing at the August 12th regular Assembly meeting (the full agenda will be posted on August 8). Please feel free to forward this message to other interested parties.

Under Alaska Statute 04.11.405, qualifying municipalities may submit a resolution to the Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board to petition for the issuance of additional Restaurant or Eating Place Licenses (REPLs). The attached resolution requesting six additional REPLs for Sitka has been co-sponsored by Assembly Members Thor Christianson and Chris Ystad. If passed by the Assembly on August 12th, the petition will be submitted to the ABC Board for consideration at their September 16th meeting.

August 12, 2025, Assembly Meeting Information

Meeting Time & Location
📍 *Harrigan Centennial Hall – 330 Harbor Drive, room 6*
🕐 *6:00 p.m.*

Public Comment Options
• Attend in person
• Testify by phone - register with the Municipal Clerk's Office by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11**, by emailing clerk@cityofsitka.org or calling 907-747-1826
• Submit written comments in advance to assembly@cityofsitka.org

Meeting Packet
Available online by **noon on August 8**:
📎 https://sitka.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

Along with the resolution, we have also attached background information for your reference. Please don't hesitate to contact the Municipal Clerk's Office with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Sara Peterson
Municipal Clerk, MMC
City and Borough of Sitka

Phone: 907-747-1811
Fax: 907-747-7403
Web: www.cityofsitka.com

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Letters to the Editor

Additional Alcohol Licenses

Dear Editor: In this time of economic growth, we think most Sitkans can agree on at least one thing – how exciting it is to see (and taste) all the new and expanding food businesses! Restaurants, cafes, and other food-service businesses give locals and visitors alike the opportunity to gather, dine and, on occasion, enjoy a glass of beer or wine with their meal.

Currently, restaurants and eating place licenses (REPLs) that allow these businesses to serve beer and wine are limited to six for Sitka based on our permanent resident population, all of which are spoken for. This is why we are co-sponsoring a resolution to petition the Alaska State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for 6 additional REPLs in Sitka.

It is our hope that by increasing the number of available REPLs in Sitka, new and expanding food-service businesses will have the opportunity to widen their offerings to meet local and visitor demand, and make year-round operations (at least little) more financially feasible.

The Assembly will consider this resolution at its regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 12, starting at 6 p.m. at Harrigan Centennial Hall. The resolution and supporting materials will be available to view online by noon on Friday, Aug. 8, at https://sitka.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx.

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Vigil for Gaza

Dear Editor: Sitkans for Peace and Democracy will hold a vigil calling for an end to Israel's near-total food blockade of Gaza, this Wednesday, Aug. 6, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at the roundabout.

At least six people died of starvation in Gaza on Sunday, according to Gaza's health ministry. The new deaths raised the number of those dying to 175, including 93 children. UN agencies caution that time is running out for a humanitarian response to famine conditions in the Gaza Strip. Nearly a quarter of the population is facing "catastrophic" level of food insecurity, and a further 54 per cent is at "emergency" level. The UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) stressed that "this is a condition that we can prevent," calling for an end to deliberate blocking and delay of food, health, and humanitarian aid.

Joining a growing international consensus, two leading Israeli human rights groups, B'Tselem and Physicians for Human Rights Israel, issued reports last week accusing Israel of committing genocide in Gaza. "What we see is a clear, intentional attack on civilians in order to destroy a group," said Yuli Novak, the director of the Israeli human rights organization, B'Tselem, calling for urgent action. "I think every human being has to ask himself: what do you do in the face of genocide?"

Bring an empty pot or pan and spoon. Let's make noise and demand an end to Israel's food blockade (or just come stand with us).

You can also call our elected officials and demand that they speak out publicly to stop starving Gaza:

Senator Murkowski: (202) 224-6665 (Washington, D.C.), (907) 271-3735 (Anchorage);

Senator Sullivan: (202) 224-3004 (Washington, D.C.), (907) 271-5915 (Anchorage);

Representative Begich: (202) 225-5765 (Washington, D.C.), (907) 921-6575 (Anchorage).

Cindy Litman, Sitka

Loni Anderson, 80, Dies; Was in TV Show 'WKRP'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Loni Anderson, who played a struggling radio station's empowered receptionist on the hit TV comedy "WKRP in Cincinnati," died Sunday, just days before her 80th birthday.

Anderson died at a Los Angeles hospital following a prolonged illness, said her longtime publicist, Cheryl J. Kagan.

"We are heartbroken to announce the passing of our dear wife, mother and grandmother," Anderson's family said in a statement.

"WKRP in Cincinnati" aired from 1978 to 1982 and was set in a flagging Ohio radio station trying to reinvent itself with rock music. The cast included Gary Sandy, Tim Reid, Howard Hesseman, Frank Bonner and Jan Smithers, alongside Anderson as Jennifer Marlowe, whose good looks were matched by her intelligence.

As the station's receptionist, the blonde and high-heeled Jennifer routinely deflected unwanted business calls for her boss, Mr. Carlson. Her efficiency often kept the station running in the face of others' incompetence.

The role earned Anderson two Emmy Award nominations and three Golden Globe nominations.

Anderson starred on the big screen alongside Burt Reynold s in the 1983 comedy "Stroker Ace," and the two later married and became tabloid fixtures before their messy breakup in 1994.

Their son, Quinton Reynolds, was "the best decision that we ever made in our entire relationship," she said during the unveiling of a bronze bust at Reynolds' Hollywood grave site in 2021.

"I think back to the beginning of our relationship, it was so, oh, gosh, tabloidy. We were just a spectacle all the time. And it was hard to have a relationship in that atmosphere. And somehow, we did it through many ups and downs," Anderson told The Associated Press.

Loni Anderson. (AP, File Photo)

Anderson detailed their tumultuous marriage in the 1995 autobiography, "My Life in High Heels," which she said was about "the growth of a woman, a woman who survives."

"I think if you're going to write about yourself, you have to do it warts and all," Anderson told the AP while promoting the book. "You may not even tell the nicest things about yourself, because you're telling the truth."

She married four times, most recently to Bob Flick in 2008.

Anderson was born Aug. 5, 1945, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Her father was an environmental chemist, and her mother was a model.

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Sitka Yesterday

20 YEARS AGO
August 2005

Advertisement: Dear generous residents of Sitka, the Thimbleberry Trail capital campaign ended successfully August 1. The $10,000 goal was surpassed, with a total of $15,000 raised. ... Yours truly, the Sitka Trail Works Board of Directors.

50 YEARS AGO
August 1975

From Sitka Summer by Evalin Curran: Correction from last week. The jelly sold at the Centennial Building may be made by older citizens but they were all Sitka Woman's Club members. They pick the berries, make the jelly and sell it.

Weather

Sitka Forecast

For tonight a low of 53 degrees with a 20 percent chance of rain. On Tuesday expect a high of 64 degrees with a 30 percent chance of rain followed by an overnight low of 55 and mostly cloudy skies.

Sitka Weather

On Friday temperatures ranged from 51 to 63 degrees, on Saturday it was 52 to 62, and Sunday it was 56 to 59 degrees. The only rainfall was .07 inch on Sunday.

Sen. Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of N.Y. listens during a news conference on tariffs on Capitol Hill July 31 in Washington. (AP Photo/Mariam Zuhaib)

Congress Takes Break But Tensions Not Gone

By KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers have left Washington for the annual August recess, but a few weeks of relative quiet on the U.S. Capitol grounds can't mask the partisan tensions that are brewing on government funding and President Donald Trump's nominees. It could make for a momentous September.

Here's a look at what's ahead when lawmakers return following the Labor Day holiday.

A bitter spending battle ahead

Lawmakers will use much of September to work on spending bills for the coming budget year, which begins Oct. 1. They likely will need to pass a short-term spending measure to keep the government funded for a few weeks while they work on a longer-term measure that covers the full year.

It's not unusual for leaders from both parties to blame the other party for a potential shutdown, but the rhetoric began extra early this year, signaling the threat of a stoppage is more serious than usual.

Today, Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer and House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries sent their Republican counterparts a sharply-worded letter calling for a meeting to discuss "the government funding deadline and the health care crisis you have visited upon the American people."

They said it will take bipartisanship to avert a "painful, unnecessary shutdown."

"Yet it is clear that the Trump Administration and many in your party are preparing to go it alone and continue to legislate on a solely Republican basis," said the letter sent to Senate Majority Leader John Thune and House Speaker Mike Johnson.

Republicans have taken note of the warnings and are portraying the Democrats as itching for a shutdown they hope to blame on the GOP.

"It was disturbing to hear the Democrat leader threaten to shut down the government in his July 8 Dear Colleague letter," Thune said on Saturday. "... I really hope that Democrats will not embrace that position but will continue to work with Republicans to fund the government."

Different approaches from the House and Senate

So far, the House has approved two of the 12 annual spending bills, mostly along party lines. The Senate has passed three on a strongly bipartisan basis. The House is pursuing steep, non-defense spending cuts. The Senate is rejecting many of those cuts. One side will have to give. And any final bill will need some Democratic support to generate the 60 votes necessary to get a spending measure to the finish line.

Some Democratic senators are also wanting assurances from Republicans that there won't be more efforts in the coming weeks to claw back or cancel funding already approved by Congress.

"If Republicans want to make a deal, then let's make a deal, but only if Republicans include an agreement they won't take back that deal a few weeks later," said Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.

Rep. Chuck Fleischmann, R-Tenn., a veteran member of the House Appropriations committee, said the Democratic minority in both chambers has suffered so many legislative losses this year, "that they are stuck between a rock and their voting base." Democrats may want to demonstrate more resistance to Trump, but they would rue a shutdown, he warned.

"The reality would be, if the government were shut down, the administration, Donald Trump, would have the ability to decide where to spend and not spend," Fleischmann said. "Schumer knows that, Jeffries knows that. We know that. I think it would be much more productive if we start talking about a short-term (continuing resolution.)"

Republican angry about pace of nominations

Republicans are considering changes to Senate rules to get more of Trump's nominees confirmed.

Thune said last week that during the same point in Joe Biden's presidency, 49 of his 121 civilians nominees had been confirmed on an expedited basis through a voice vote or a unanimous consent request. Trump has had none of his civilian nominees confirmed on an expedited basis. Democrats have insisted on roll call votes for all of them, a lengthy process than can take days.

"I think they're desperately in need of change," Thune said of Senate rules for considering nominees. "I think that the last six months have demonstrated that this process, nominations is broken. And so I expect there will be some good robust conversations about that."

Schumer said a rules change would be a "huge mistake," especially as Senate Republicans will need Democratic votes to pass spending bills and other legislation moving forward.

The Senate held a rare weekend session as Republicans worked to get more of Trump's nominees confirmed. Negotiations focused on advancing dozens of additional Trump nominees in exchange for some concessions on releasing some already approved spending.

At times, lawmakers spoke of progress on a potential deal. But it was clear that there would be no agreement when Trump attacked Schumer on social media Saturday evening and told Republicans to pack it up and go home.

"Tell Schumer, who is under tremendous political pressure from within his own party, the Radical Left Lunatics, to GO TO HELL!" Trump posted on Truth Social.

Tesla Awards CEO Musk Shares Worth $29 Billion

By MICHELLE CHAPMAN
AP Business Writer

Tesla gave Elon Musk a stock grant of $29 billion today as a reward for years of "transformative and unprecedented" growth despite a recent foray into right-wing politics that has hurt its sales, profits and its stock price.

In giving its billionaire CEO 96 million in restricted shares, the electric car company noted that Musk hasn't been paid in years because his 2018 compensation package has been rejected by a Delaware court. The award comes eight months after a judge revoked the 2018 pay package a second time. Tesla has appealed the ruling. Tesla today called the grant a "first step, good faith" way of retaining Musk and keeping him focused, citing his leadership of SpaceX, xAI and other companies. Musk said recently that he needed more shares and control so he couldn't be ousted by shareholder activists.

"Rewarding Elon for what he has done and continues to do for Tesla is the right thing to do," the company said in a regulatory filing, citing an increase of $735 billion in Tesla's value on the stock market since 2018.

Tesla shares have plunged 25% this year largely due to blowback over Musk's affiliation with President Donald Trump. But Tesla also faces intensifying competition from both the big Detroit automakers, and from China.

In its most recent quarter, Tesla reported that quarterly profits plunged from $1.39 billion to $409 million. Revenue also fell and the company fell short of even the lowered expectations on Wall Street.

Investors have grown increasingly worried about the trajectory of the company after Musk had spent so much time in Washington this year, becoming one of the most prominent officials in the Trump administration in its bid to slash the size of the U.S. government.

The electric vehicle maker said in the regulatory filing that Musk must first pay Tesla $23.34 per share of restricted stock that vests, which is equal to the exercise price per share of the 2018 pay package.

In December Delaware Chancellor Kathleen St. Jude McCormick reaffirmed her earlier ruling that Tesla must revoke Musk's multibillion-dollar pay package. She found that Musk engineered the landmark pay package in sham negotiations with directors who were not independent.

The rulings came in a lawsuit filed by a Tesla stockholder who challenged Musk's 2018 compensation package.

That pay package carried a potential maximum value of about $56 billion, but that sum has fluctuated over the years based on Tesla's stock price.

AP Poll: Grocery Costs Worrying Most Adults

By CORA LEWIS
and LINLEY SANDERS
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The vast majority of U.S. adults are at least somewhat stressed about the cost of groceries, a new poll finds, as prices continue to rise and concerns about the impact of President Donald Trump's tariffs remain widespread.

About half of all Americans say the cost of groceries is a "major" source of stress in their life right now, while 33% say it's a "minor" source of stress, according to the poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Only 14% say it's not a source of stress, underscoring the pervasive anxiety most Americans continue to feel about the cost of everyday essentials.

Other financial stressors — like the cost of housing or the amount of money in their bank accounts — are also broadly felt, but they weigh more heavily on younger Americans, who are less likely than older adults to have significant savings or own property.

The survey also found that about 4 in 10 Americans under age 45 say they've used what are known as "buy now, pay later" services when spending on entertainment or restaurant meals or when paying for essentials like groceries or medical care.

Adam Bush, 19, based in Portland, New York, is one of those younger Americans who has used pay-later services for things like groceries or entertainment. Bush works as a welder, fabricating parts for trucks for Toyota, and makes under $50,000 per year.

"I just keep watching the prices go up, so I'm looking for the cheapest possible stuff," he said. "Hot pockets and TV dinners."

Everyone is stressed about groceries

Groceries are one of the most far-reaching financial stressors, affecting the young and old alike, the poll finds. While Americans over age 60 are less likely than younger people to feel major financial anxiety about housing, their savings, child care, or credit card debt, they are just as worried about the cost of groceries.

Esther Bland, 78, who lives in Buckley, Washington, said groceries are a "minor" source of stress — but only because her local food banks fill the gap. Bland relies on her Social Security and disability payments each month to cover her rent and other expenses — such as veterinary care for her dogs — in retirement, after decades working in an office processing product orders. "I have no savings," she said. "I'm not sure what's going on politically when it comes to the food banks, but if I lost that, groceries would absolutely be a major source of stress."

Bland's monthly income mainly goes toward her electric, water and cable bills, she said, as well as care of her dogs and other household needs. "Soap, paper towels, toilet paper. I buy gas at Costco, but we haven't seen $3 a gallon here in a long time," she said. "I stay home a lot. I only put about 50 miles on my car a week."

According to the poll, 64% of the lowest-income Americans — those who have a household income of less than $30,000 a year — say the cost of groceries is a "major" stressor. That's compared with about 4 in 10 Americans who have a household income of $100,000 or more.

But even within that higher-income group, only about 2 in 10 say grocery costs aren't a worry at all.

Women and Hispanic adults are especially economically anxious

Housing is another substantial source of worry for U.S. adults — along with their savings, their income and the cost of health care. About half of U.S. adults say housing is a "major" source of stress, according to the poll, while about 4 in 10 say that about the amount of money they get paid, the amount of money they have saved and the cost of health care. About 3 in 10 say credit card debt is a "major" source of stress, while about 2 in 10 say that about the cost of child care and student debt.

But some groups are feeling much more anxiety about their finances than others. Women, for instance, are more likely than men to report high levels of stress about their income, savings, the cost of groceries and the cost of health care. Hispanic adults are also particularly concerned about housing costs and both credit card and student debt. About two-thirds of Hispanic adults say the cost of housing is a "major" source of stress, compared with about half of Black adults and about 4 in 10 white adults.

Some people are making changes to their lifestyle as a result of high costs. Shandal LeSure, 43, who works as a receptionist for a rehabilitation hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and makes between $85,000 and $100,000 a year, said she's started shopping for groceries at less expensive stores.

"It's an adjustment," she said. "Sometimes the quality isn't as good."

Many US adults have used 'buy now, pay later' services

As they stretch limited budgets, about 3 in 10 U.S. adults overall say they've used "buy now, pay later" services such as Afterpay or Klarna to purchase groceries, entertainment, restaurant meals or meal delivery, or medical or dental care, according to the poll. Bland, the Washington state retiree, said she's paid for pet surgery with a pay-later plan. Younger Americans are much likelier than older people to have used pay-later plans for entertainment, groceries or restaurant meals, but there's no age gap on medical care. Black and Hispanic people are also especially likely to adopt the plans.

CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA

PUBLIC NOTICE
Meeting Agenda Planning Commission
Wednesday, August 6, 2025
7:00 PM
Harrigan Centennial Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
II. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA
III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
A Approve the July 16, 2025 meeting minutes.
IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD
(Public participation on any item off the agenda. All public testimony is not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual, unless the Chair imposes other time constraints at the beginning of the agenda item.)
V. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT
VI REPORTS
VII. THE EVENING BUSINESS
B. Update on the Land Suitability and Feasibility Study.
C. Public hearing and consideration of a minor zoning variance to increase the size of a sign at 4500 Sawmill Creek Road in the GP Gary Paxton Special Zone. The property is also known as Lot Five (5), Sawmill Cove Industrial Park, Subdivision #1. The request is filed by Jeremy Serka. The owner of record is Starwest Alaska, LLC.
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: More information on these agenda items can be found at https://sitka.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx or by contacting the Planning Office at 100 Lincoln Street. Individuals having concerns or comments on any item are encouraged to provide written comments to the Planning Office or make comments at the Planning Commission meeting. Written comments may be dropped off at the Planning Office in City Hall or emailed to planning@cityofsitka.org. Those with questions may call (907) 747-1814.

Published: August 1 & 4, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE
NEW LIQUOR LICENSES – DISTILLERY MANUFACTURER AND DISTILLERY RETAIL

The City and Borough of Sitka has been notified by the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office of the following new distillery manufacturer and distillery retail applications:

Lic #:	16385
License Type:	Distillery Manufacturer License
Licensee:	Sitka Spirits LLC
DBA:	Sitka Spirits
Premises Address:	328 Lincoln Street

Lic #:	16477
License Type:	Distillery Retail License
Licensee:	Sitka Spirits LLC
DBA:	Sitka Spirits
Premises Address:	328 Lincoln Street

Lic #:	16255
License Type:	Distillery Manufacturer License
Licensee:	Harbor Mountain Brewing Company LLC
DBA:	Harbor Mountain Brewing Company
Premises Address:	1209 Sawmill Creek Road Suite A

Lic #:	16269
License Type:	Distillery Retail License
Licensee:	Harbor Mountain Brewing Company LLC
DBA:	Harbor Mountain Brewing Company
Premises Address:	1209 Sawmill Creek Road Suite A

The City and Borough of Sitka will consider these applications at the August 12 Assembly meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive. Any protest may be lodged either prior to or at that time by contacting the Municipal Clerk's Office at clerk@cityofsitka.org or 907.747.1826.

Sara Peterson, Municipal Clerk

Published: August 4, 2025

CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA

LEGAL NOTICE
Parks and Recreation Committee

The Parks and Recreation Committee will meet **12 p.m. Tuesday, August 12, 2025**, in Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive. Agenda items include: Discussion/Direction/Decision of Special Use Area Limits/Guidelines. The meeting is open to the public.

Holley Bayne, Depuy Municipal Clerk
Published: August 8, 2025

City and Borough Assembly
Meeting Agenda
330 Harbor Drive
Assembly Chambers
6:00 PM
Tuesday, August 12, 2025

REGULAR MEETING:
I. CALL TO ORDER
II. FLAG SALUTE
III. RECITAL OF LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
IV. ROLL CALL
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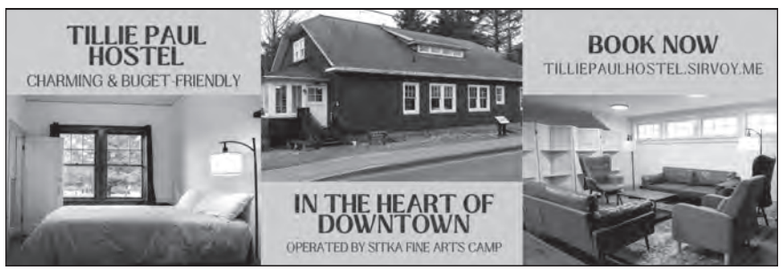

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This is a formal notice of delinquent storage due from Kirk Albrecht of Sitka. This notice is for 15 days and items held in storage will be sold and/or disposed of. Kirk Albrecht or estate must plan for past payments due. Storage Taranoff, 104 Rockfish Way, Sitka, Alaska 99835.
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Utility Payment System in Place

The City and Borough of Sitka has launched a new utility payment system, offering improved features and enhanced security, the city said.

Customers can pay bills online at https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/cityandboroughofsitkaak/utilities, make one-time payments, or set up a profile to enroll in autopay, view bills, go paperless, and track electric usage. Those who were previously enrolled in autopay must re-enroll using the new system, the city said.

Automatic payments will now be drafted on the bill's due date. Step-by-step instructions are available at www.cityofsitka.com/departments/Finance/utilities, and staff are available at the counter to assist during business hours.

Public computers also are available at the Sitka Public Library for those who need access.

Payment by phone must be made through the secure IVR (Interactive Voice Response) system by calling 907 312-2934. Cash and check payments remain unchanged. Moorage payments are not affected by this system change.

For information, call 907 747-1818 or email utilities@cityofsitka.org.

Boating Safety Class Aug. 23

A community training event, a boating safety class, will be held 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23. It will include hands-on training.

The event is hosted by Sitka Police Department, Alaska State Troopers U.S. Coast Guard, and Alaska Marine Safety Education Association.

It is limited to 25 students; however, if more sign up a second class will be scheduled, organizers said.

For more information contact Sgt. Lance Ewers, 907 315-4999.

The class is free; however, donations of $150 may be made to AMSEA. Participants will receive a certificate of completion and essential boating safety information.

Election Supervisor Needed by STA

Sitka Tribe of Alaska is seeking an election supervisor for its upcoming Tribal Council election.

For more information or to submit a bid, contact Lisa Gassman at 907-747-3207. Deadline to submit a bid is 4:30 p.m. Aug. 27.

Bids may be emailed to lisa.gassman@sitkatribe-nsn.gov or by hand delivery or mail to 204 Siginaka Way, Suite 300, Sitka, AK 99835.

Salty Spokes Open Saturday

The Salty Spoke community bike cooperative is open 11 a.m.-2 p.m .every Saturday at 4 Lincoln Street.

Community members can sign up to receive guidance from volunteers, and have a space and tool wall to fix and maintain their own bikes.

A selection of used bikes are available for sale as well.

For more information go to www.saltyspoke.com or email thesaltyspoke@gmail.com.

Sunshine Corner

These ads are FREE!

Email to: sunshine@sitkasentinel.com, drop off at 112 Barracks St., or fax to 747-8898. Watch for the Sunshine Corner form in each Tuesday's Sentinel. All requests must be received by the Sentinel **BEFORE 3:00 P.M. THURSDAY.** Items are limited to individuals and must be priced at $200 or less. **LISTINGS WILL NOT BE TAKEN BY PHONE**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

The Salvation Army is in need of volunteers for its soup kitchen and thrift store. If you'd like to give back to the community one day a week or even once a month, let us know! Phone 888.265.2240 or stop in at 405 Sawmill Creek Road.

Native Artists to Teach At Sheldon Jackson Museum

Sheldon Jackson Museum and Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum invite the public to sign up for free hands-on art classes with Alaska Native artists-in-residence.

Classes will be held at the museum with some offered simultaneously on zoom. They are offered at no cost; however, some require a materials fee to the instructor.

In some cases, students must acquire materials online or locally in advance of the class. Classes require advance sign up by calling 907-747-8981 or stopping by the museum in-person.

This year's residency program will include the following classes:

–A two-part fish skin earring making class taught by Amber Webb (Yup'ik & Curyung Tribe) Aug. 15, 11 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m., in-person only. Students will need to pay Webb a $20 materials fee. The class is open to ages 12 and older.

– A painting still life class taught by Danielle Larsen (Koyukon Athabascan, Unangax^, & Inupiaq) Thursday, Sept. 11, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., in-person and on zoom. It is open to ages 10 and older. Materials are to be purchased in advance of the class. For a list of supplies, call (907) 747-8981.

To view events and details related to the Native Artist Residency Program, visit the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum Facebook page or website at https://friendsofsjm.com/calendar/ or the Alaska State Museum website at https://museums.alaska.gov/sheldon_jackson/sjhome.html.

For information on operations or events, contact the museum by calling (907) 747-8981.

Zumba Classes Slated in August

Sitka Tribe of Alaska will sponsor Zumba with Anna in August.

The free class is open to the community 5:30-6:15 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 6, 20 and 27 at Blatchley Middle School.

Sitka Recreation Seeks Volunteers

Sitka Recreation Foundation is seeking volunteers for a variety of projects and leadership roles.

The non-profit organization is working to advance recreational opportunities. Efforts include improving outdoor spaces such as the Blatchley covered court area and Crescent Harbor courts, providing youth scholarships for parks and recreation activities and much.

Volunteer opportunities include hands-on projects, subcommittee work, or a leadership role on the board of directors. Many other opportunities are available.

''We also welcome input from anyone who wants to share project ideas and priorities for recreation in Sitka,'' the organization said.

For information email info@sitkarecreationfoundation.org or call/text 907-738-0875. The website address is www.sitkarecreationfoundation.org

Sitka Rotary Club Seeking Members

Sitka Rotary Club is seeking new members who want to make a difference locally and internationally.

The club was chartered on Jan. 30, 1941. It is a diverse group of community members.

Throughout its 83 years the club has done a variety of projects including providing dictionaries to students, picking up trash, co-sponsoring the Kids Fishing Derby on Swan Lake, providing bike rodeos and providing educational scholarships to Tanzanian school girls.

Those wanting further information can email jbudd3500@gmail.com.

Theater Program Offered to Kids

Kids ages 7 to 10 can participate in a free theater program 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at Sitka Public Library.

The acting class will be led by library teen advisory board members Grace, Lola, Mari and Ruby.

No experience is needed; however, pre-registration is required.

Participants should wear comfortable clothes, and be ready for an afternoon of theater games, improv, and other activities. To register, call 907 747-4020. For information email maite.lorente@cityofsitka.org.

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Armchair Travels Series to Begin

The public is invited to hear Mike Morris and Gary Bagley talk about 40 years of paddling trips on the Yukon River 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at Sitka Public Library in the multipurpose room.

The event is part of the library's Armchair Travel Series. The two adventurers will complete the story they began telling last year. No registration is required.

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CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA

LEGAL NOTICE
Parks and Recreation Committee

The Parks and Recreation Committee will meet **12 p.m. Tuesday, August 12, 2025**, in Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive. Agenda items include: Discussion/Direction/Decision of Special Use Area Limits/Guidelines. The meeting is open to the public.
Holley Bayne, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Published: August 8, 2025

City and Borough Assembly
Meeting Agenda
330 Harbor Drive
Assembly Chambers
6:00 PM
Tuesday, August 12, 2025

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Animal Shelter Survey Available

Friends of Sitka Animal Shelter is seeking community input on what type of animal shelter services they'd like to see in Sitka.

The group has a 5- to 10-minute survey that can be found on its website at www.sitkaanimalfriends.org and its Facebook page.

LEGAL NOTICE

AKO Farms, LLC is applying under 3 AAC 306.300 for a new Retail Marijuana Store license #39575, doing business as HIGH TIDE CANNABIS, located at 4509 HALIBUT POINT ROAD, SITKA, AK, 99835, UNITED STATES.

Interested persons may object to the application by submitting a written statement of reasons for the objection to their local government, the applicant, and the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) not later than 30 days after the director has determined the application to be complete and has given written notice to the local government. Once an application is determined to be complete, the objection deadline and application information will be posted on AMCO's website at https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco. Objections should be sent to AMCO at marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov or to 550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1600, Anchorage, AK 99501.
Published: August 8, 15, 22, 2025

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
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Minutes - Final

City and Borough Assembly

Mayor Steven Eisenbeisz,
Deputy Mayor Timothy Pike,
Vice Deputy Mayor JJ Carlson,
Kevin Mosher, Scott Saline,
Chris Ystad, Thor Christianson

Municipal Administrator: John Leach
Municipal Attorney: Rachel Jones
Municipal Clerk: Sara Peterson

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 **6:00 PM** **Assembly Chambers**

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. RECITAL OF LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

IV. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Christianson, Mosher, Pike, Carlson, and Saline

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

Remote: 1 - Ystad

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

No agenda changes.

25-108 Reminders, Calendars, and General Correspondence

VI. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None.

VII. SPECIAL REPORTS: Government to Government, Municipal Boards/Commissions/Committees, Municipal Departments, School District, Students and Guests (five minute time limit)

25-105 Department Quarterly Report: Public & Government Relations (written report only)

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Christianson that the Consent Agenda consisting of Items A, B, & C be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Mosher, Ystad, Pike, Carlson, and Saline

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

A 25-104 Approve the minutes of the February 25, 27, and July 22 Assembly meetings

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

B 25-106 Approve the following liquor license applications: 1) new distillery manufacturer and retail licenses for Sitka Spirits LLC at 328 Lincoln Street; 2) new distillery manufacturer and retail licenses for Harbor Mountain Brewing Company LLC at 1209 Sawmill Creek Road, Suite A

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

C 25-107 Approve renewal applications for a standard marijuana cultivation facility license and a retail store license for Northern Lights Indoor Gardens, LLC at 1321 Sawmill Creek Road

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

X. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

D RES 25-11 Petitioning the Alaska State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to issue up to six additional Restaurant or Eating Place Licenses under Alaska Statute (AS) 04.11.405

Christianson summarized the request for additional Restaurant and Eating Place Licenses (REPLs) for beer and wine. The Assembly engaged in discussion, asking questions of Planning and Community Development Director Amy Ainslie. Several members felt the process was rushed and suggested reducing the number of licenses requested.

Lenise Henderson, Christian Litten, and Cambria Goodwin spoke in support. Jasmine Wolfe read a letter from local CHARR President, Stan Filler Sr. opposing the resolution. Mary Magnuson and Patti MacPike spoke in opposition.

A motion was made by Christianson to AMEND the resolution by reducing the number of additional REPL's from six to three. The amendment PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Christianson, Carlson, Pike, Ystad, and Mosher

No: 1 - Saline

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

Drew Wilson, Lenise Henderson, Cambria Goodwin, and Luke Bruckert spoke in support. Mary Magnuson, Patti MacPike, and Peter Menendez spoke in opposition.

Mosher expressed concern about the number of unknowns associated with requesting additional licenses, particularly the potential economic impacts. He also emphasized the importance of notifying all license holders and providing them an opportunity to comment. The Assembly recommended further public outreach and review by the Planning Commission.

It was suggested that consideration of the item be postponed until late October to allow for additional public outreach. It was noted that, when the resolution returned, its two sponsors (Ystad and Christianson) might no longer be serving on the Assembly. Ystad's term would have ended, and as he was not seeking re-election, his sponsorship would lapse. Christianson was seeking re-election, but the outcome would not be known until the October 7 municipal election. The Clerk would contact Assembly Members to confirm at least two additional sponsors.

Speaking to the motion to postpone, Lenise Henderson, Cambria Goodwin, and Drew Wilson spoke in opposition. Mary Magnuson and Peter Menendez spoke in support.

A motion was made by Mosher to POSTPONE the AMENDED RESOLUTION to the October 28 Assembly Meeting. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Mosher, Ystad, Pike, Carlson, and Saline

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

E 25-103 Approve the Operating Agreement between the City and Borough of Sitka and Highmark Marine Fabrication for Marine Vessel Haul-Out and Shipyard Operations

Gary Paxton Industrial Park Director Garry White reviewed the operating agreement and exhibits.

Linda Behnken, Mary Magnuson, Megan Pasternak, Ben Matthys, and Jonathan Wolf commented.

Assembly Members acknowledged the milestone, commended the effort involved, and thanked all who contributed.

A motion was made by Christianson that this Item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Christianson, Mosher, Ystad, Pike, and Carlson

No: 1 - Saline

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

XIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None.

XIV. REPORTS

a. Mayor, b. Administrator, c. Attorney, d. Liaison Representatives, e. Clerk, f. Other

Mayor - Pike thanked everyone for their work on the haul out and the community discussion.

Administrator - Acting Administrator Josh Branthoover provided a progress update on the Gary Paxton Industrial Park haul out and washdown pad.

Attorney - Jones announced the cell phone tower appeal was scheduled for August 21.

Liaison Representatives - Christianson reported on the recent Planning Commission meeting.

Clerk - Peterson provided an update on the recent citizen initiative filing and the upcoming municipal election.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Christianson to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

Amy Ainslie

From: Sara Peterson
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 3:17 PM
To: Amy Ainslie
Subject: FW: Oppose the new REPL

From: Kevin Mosher (Assembly) <assemblymosher@cityofsitka.org>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 3:17 PM
To: Sara Peterson <sara.peterson@cityofsitka.org>
Subject: Fw: Oppose the new REPL

FYI

From: Patricia MacPike <sitkacharr@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 7:49 PM
To: assembly <assembly@cityofsitka.org>
Subject: Oppose the new REPL

Some people who received this message don't often get email from sitkacharr@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

August 8, 2025

Dear Assembly Members,

Sitka CHARR is a trade organization that represents existing members in the hospitality industry in Sitka. We are concerned about your method and desire to request additional REPL licenses in Sitka using the number of cruise visitors and non-residents in determining how many licenses should be issued. In doing so you are devaluing what current businesses have paid handsomely for and risking sustainability for our community. You are setting a dangerous precedent. What happens when we have one million visitors? Will you seek more licenses? We are already over licensed for our population. Additionally, you are being asked to approve two distillery licenses.

While we are in the hospitality industry, and welcome our visitors, we also strive to be here year-round for our community. We donate as individual businesses to local nonprofits and schools as well as collectively as an industry group. We provide year round employment.

Additional considerations:

What prevents non-locally owned and operated businesses from getting a license? Do you want non-resident business owners getting liquor licenses? Do you want to allow food trucks to sell beer and wine? How many food carts, food courts or the like will you allow? How many new marijuana shops and licenses do you want to allow/request once their limits are met? Where are the places to locate more public restrooms going to be as we

grow besides the middle of streets? How do we better handle the increased foot traffic and what is the answer for getting more internet and bandwidth on high traffic days? There are many issues to address and starting with six new REPL is not the best starting place when the industry hasn't been asked to participate until the end of the discussion. Not to mention, we in the industry are VERY busy right now trying to manage what we have in the busy season. Why is this not a topic of discussion for October, when we can reasonably participate? What is the rush?

Before requesting a variance from the state, we feel appropriate planning needs to take place. Sitka is at a crossroads and we feel it is time to plan for the next ten to twenty years. We have the ability to slow down long enough to plan what Sitka will look like and not be haphazard in our design.

We have all visited places that are welcoming, beautiful and well thought out versus thrown together and tacky. Let's maintain our Paris of the Pacific appearance and have the hard conversations and PLAN not REACT to what change is taking place. In the planning let's be sure to have the right stakeholders at the right meetings for input. The Tourism Commission is not the place we would have expected to be to discuss this issue. This commission doesn't have the representation of our industry. As a new commission, we did not realize this would be within their scope. Additionally, it appears they are not familiar with how thin the profit margins are in our industry. Likewise, the Chamber appears to be representing one part of their group and not the whole.

If you proceed with this request, please understand you will be devaluing and financially harming the current license holder's assets and investments. You will be creating more strain for needed workers than Sitka has available. Not to mention a real lack of affordable housing for the new workers that would be required for six more fully operating businesses.

Additionally, you are basing the "needs" of our community on a population that is only here for maybe 5 hours a day for a limited time of year. How is it that this population truly defines the 'needs' of Sitka as a whole?

Thank you for your consideration.

Stan Filler, President

Amy Ainslie

From: Sitka Chamber <director@sitkachamber.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 3:57 PM
To: Amy Ainslie; assembly
Cc: Holly Reeder
Subject: Re: Letter of Support: Addt'l Restaurant and Eating Place Licenses (REPLs) in Sitka

Dear Assembly,

After further conversations with our membership, we encourage the Assembly to hold off on moving this item forward in order to engage with the business community and understand the effect a change like this could have. This is a complex issue and should looked at further before moving on to the state board.

Thank you,

Rachel

From: Rachel Roy <director@sitkachamber.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 10:07 AM
To: assembly <assembly@cityofsitka.org>
Cc: John Leach <john.leach@cityofsitka.org>; Amy Ainslie <amy.ainslie@cityofsitka.org>
Subject: Letter of Support: Addt'l Restaurant and Eating Place Licenses (REPLs) in Sitka

Dear Members of the Assembly,

The Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce, representing over 200 businesses, encourages the Assembly to adopt the resolution petitioning the Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to authorize up to six additional Restaurant and Eating Place Licenses (REPLs) for Sitka.

Our restaurant and hospitality industry continues to face long-term operational and economic challenges following the COVID-19 pandemic. These businesses provide not only essential jobs but also enhance the quality of life for Sitkans and enrich the experience of the many visitors and seasonal workers who rely on our services. Demand for full-service dining remains strong, but current licensing limitations are a barrier to expansion and new business development. Expanded license availability will help strengthen our economy, support entrepreneurial opportunity, and improve Sitka's competitiveness as a destination and regional hub in Southeast Alaska.

Enclosed with this email is our letter of support, which can be included in the packet submitted to the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) Board as part of the City's petition.

Thank you for your support of Sitka's business community and for your consideration of this important issue.

Gunalchéesh Thank you,

Rachel

Rachel Roy, MBA, ACE

Executive Director

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July 28, 2025

Alcohol and Marijuana Control Board
550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1600
Anchorage, AK 99501

To the Members of the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Board,

On behalf of the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce, we are writing to express our support for the City and Borough of Sitka's petition to increase the number of Restaurant and Eating Place Licenses (REPLs) available in our community.

Our food and beverage industry has experienced significant and lasting impacts since the COVID-19 pandemic. Sitka's small, locally owned restaurants have worked tirelessly to adapt to shifting regulations, economic uncertainty, labor shortages, and supply chain issues. Despite these challenges, they continue to serve a critical role in our economy, tourism industry, and overall quality of life.

Sitka is a hub of commercial, medical, and cultural activity in Southeast Alaska, serving not only our 8,000+ residents but also more than 650,000 annual visitors and thousands of non-resident workers. The demand for diverse dining experiences continues to grow, yet the current cap on REPLs has made it difficult for new or expanding businesses to obtain the licensing needed to serve beer and wine, an important part of the full-service dining experience that today's consumers expect.

The Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce supports this petition because increasing the number of REPLs will:

- Strengthen the viability and growth of local restaurants
- Enhance the experience for both residents and visitors
- Support economic diversification and entrepreneurship
- Reflect the actual population and service needs of our commercial center

We believe the City's petition fully meets the requirements set out in Alaska Statute 04.11.405, and the addition of REPLs is clearly in the public interest. We urge the AMCO Board to approve this petition and allow Sitka the flexibility needed to support our local businesses and community needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rachel Roy
Executive Director

Amy Ainslie

From: Sara Peterson
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 1:51 PM
To: Amy Ainslie
Subject: FW: Public Comment Opportunity: Additional REPLs
Attachments: Res 2025-11A Addtl REPLs.pdf

Importance: High

Sara Peterson
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From: Sara Peterson <sara.peterson@cityofsitka.org>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 11:53 AM
Subject: Public Comment Opportunity: Additional REPLs
Importance: High

Good morning,

The City and Borough of Sitka is reaching out to all active license holders in Sitka to inform you of an upcoming opportunity for public comment on Resolution 2025-11A, petitioning the State of Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to issue up to three additional restaurant or eating place licenses (REPLs) under AS 04.11.405 in Sitka. Please feel free to forward this message to other interested parties.

The original resolution (Resolution 2025-11) was reviewed by the Assembly on August 21st, at which time the Assembly voted to lower the request from six additional licenses to three, and also requested that additional public comment and review take place by the Planning Commission prior to the Assembly considering the amended resolution again at its October 28th meeting.

The Planning Commission will review and take public comment on Resolution 2025-11A at their regular meeting on **Wednesday, October 1st, beginning at 7:00 PM** at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

Meeting Time & Location
📍 *Harrigan Centennial Hall – 330 Harbor Drive, Room 6*
🕐 *7:00 p.m.*

Public Comment Options
• Attend in person
• Testify via telephone or Zoom – request phone number or Zoom link from the Planning Office by **12:00 p.m. on**

Wednesday, October 1, by emailing planning@cityofsitka.org or calling 907-747-1814
• Submit written comments by **12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1** to planning@cityofsitka.org

Meeting Packet
Available online by **end of day on September 26**:
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Please feel free to contact the Municipal Clerk's Office (clerk@cityofsitka.org) or the Planning Office, with any questions you may have.

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Letters to the Editor

Yes on Proposition 1

Dear Editor: I support a yes vote on Proposition No. 1.

After serving 18 years on Sitka's Parks and Recreation Committee and three years on Sitka Recreation Foundation I have seen so many good athletic and recreation projects be proposed but never constructed – often due to lack of funding.

Voting yes is a specific step I can take that prioritizes athletic and recreation facilities as vital components of a healthy community.

A yes vote for Proposition No. 1 does not mean other needs will not be/or should not be addressed. A yes vote does represent specific support for future athletic/recreation projects (to be approved separately in the future with public process) that primarily are for the benefit of local Sitkans. A yes vote will enhance the quality of life in Sitka. A quality of life that supports young families and others staying in Sitka and supports economic activity.

Bart Meyer,
37-year Sitka resident

Last Garage Sale

Dear Editor: This is our last garage sale. Sitka Lutheran Church has done fundraisers for youths and adults of Sitka Lutheran Church doing Mission Work for more than 20 years. Members of the Sitka Community and Sitka Lutheran Church have generously donated TREASURES AND GIFTS for our garage sales at 3704 Halibut Point Road. Over 20 years we have conducted 80 garage sales and have raised approximately $42,000.

Members of Sitka Lutheran (including teens) and students of Mt. Edgecumbe High School and Sitka High School have done projects in many places.

Sitka Lutheran Church has sent teams who shared the gospel and their hearts and hands offering energy and grace to people in need. A food bank in Palmer, flood relief in Montana and North Dakota, hurricane repair in the Virgin Islands and New Orleans, support in Tanzania, church repairs in Whitehorse and Brevig Mission, medical care in Jamaica, food bank collections for the Salvation Army, orphanage assistance in Indonesia and much more.

Special thanks to all who helped with their energy, their prayers and their generous donations. Our last garage sale will be held 7 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 at 3704 Halibut Point Road.

Come and join us. We have lots of GOOD STUFF. The donations will support a team going to Jamaica in 2026.

Sitka Lutheran Church will continue to help those who are hungry, homeless and in need of health care. Popcorn sales to tourists will be one form of support.

The Brandts

Prop 2 Limits Rights

Dear Editor: Proposition 2 is a severe limitation of your rights – and completely unneeded. Sitkans don't need more government regulations.

To address the elephant in the room: the cruise ship limitation initiative failed overwhelmingly. Sitkans spoke loud and clear on that issue. For the context of this letter, I was not part of SOUL and did not sign their petition.

Much has already been said about Prop 2 being unconstitutional and how economic studies are costly and cumbersome. I'll add two points.

First: the sponsors of Prop 2 did not commission such a study. If the sponsors skipped their own remedy, how realistic is it to expect citizen groups to hire one out – especially volunteers with limited funds?

Second: long-time Sitkans will remember that I sponsored an initiative 20 years ago requiring a public vote before building a cruise ship dock on City property at Sawmill Cove (now GPIP). Our measure passed by an overwhelming majority. It did not limit cruise ships—it simply required that the terms of a sale or lease be acceptable to voters.

That initiative would have been unnecessary if the Assembly had simply listened to Sitkans. But a majority on the Assembly at the time feared putting the issue in front of voters.

As the sponsor of a past initiative and chair of an initiative group, I can say raising funds is already a burden. How can we vote for economic studies without knowing the true costs and complexities of such studies?

Looking back, most citizen initiatives in Sitka have passed by large margins. But when the Assembly is out of step with voters on a single issue, we need a system of checks and balances. I deeply appreciate the service of Assembly members – but I do not trust 4 of 7 to always do right.

We need to trust Sitka voters—not throw the baby out with the bath water.

Zach LaPerriere, Sitka

Supporting Riley

Dear Editor: I am writing in support of Katie Riley's campaign for Assembly. I serve with Katie on the Planning Commission. She is responsible about meeting attendance and preparation. She approaches decisions with an open mind and respect for the opinions of other commissioners and members of the public.

She is a strong supporter of increasing our supply of housing. She brings the experience of involvement in development of our Comprehensive Plan and the sustainability commission. Finally, she is already familiar with how our local government works. I hope you will join me in voting for Katie at the polls on October 7 or in advance.

Robin Sherman, Sitka

Not If, But When

Dear Editor: The Sentinel article "New Study Maps Alaska's Thousands of Landslides" and the recent Elfin Cove slide Sept. 23, 2025, raise questions about Sitka's emergency preparedness. Landslides, earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanic eruptions are natural disasters that threaten our community. Additionally, disasters include dam breaks, structural bridge damage, and loss of telecommunications. We are vulnerable.

What are the city's emergency plans when a catastrophic event hits Sitka? There is a public blowhorn that can warn us, but not only can people not hear it, they also can't clearly discern what is being broadcast to take appropriate action. Did you know the police department has a warning system? Everyone should know what it can communicate and how, especially if communication systems are down.

My experience of the Alameda Fire in Oregon, drives home Sitka's need for information in advance of an event. There, the Red Cross was the fire's evacuation site's saving grace (Sitka has no Red Cross).

Sitka has a Local Emergency Planning Committee with February 2025 as the last posted meeting minutes. Sitka's website has information on emergency go kits, etc., but insufficient community direction.

The tsunami parking areas protect from sea surge, but if the event of a dam break, earthquake or damage to O'Connell Bridge, where and how do folks get food, warmth, transportation and shelter?

Remember it isn't "if" it is "when." Our first responders cannot do it all. We need the Assembly and candidates to answer "how are you going to keep us safe and informed in a catastrophic emergency?"

Our community needs to know and practice evacuation responses just like city officials, the fire and police departments. Don't leave us out of this, it can and will save lives.

Carol Voisin, Sitka,
Alameda Fire Survivor

Weather

Sitka Forecast

For tonight, a high wind warning is out until around 7 p.m., with gusts as high as 45 mph. Heavy rainfall and a low temperature of 47 degrees also are forecast. For Saturday expect a high of 54 degrees with an overnight low of 48, accompanied by showers. On Sunday a high of 56, an overnight low of 47, and rain are forecast, and on Monday, a high of 57 degrees with rain and an overnight low of 46 with a chance of rain.

Sitka Weather

Temperatures ranged from 46 to 55 degrees, the wind gusted to 24 mph at 7:53 p.m., and 1.10 inches of rain was measured in the 24 hours ending at midnight last night, the National Weather Service says.

Sitka Yesterday

20 YEARS AGO
September 2005

Glue fumes from a roofing project put the kibosh on the Blatchley Middle School dance Friday, but the problem was quickly resolved, the fumes dispersed, and the students will be dancing next week at a discount, Principal Robinson said. The roofing project manager quickly got rid of the glue fumes, and as an apology will pay down the cost of dance admission from $3 to $1.

50 YEARS AGO
September 1975

American Legion Auxiliary President Lucille Perkins has appointed committee chairmen. They include Alma Jenny, Alice Williams, Velma Baines, Betty Eliason, Florence Eddy, Emma Kohler, Jean Smith, Frances Widmark, Marrietta Williams, Ethel Makinen, Evelyn Didrickson, Darlene Carroll, Betty Garrity ....

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Trump Steps Up Drive Against Liberal Groups

By JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — President Donald Trump's unprecedented retribution campaign against his perceived political enemies reached new heights as his Justice Department brought criminal charges against a longtime foe and he expanded his efforts to classify certain liberal groups as "domestic terrorist organizations."

Days after Trump publicly demanded action from his attorney general and tapped his former personal lawyer to serve as the top federal prosecutor in Virginia, former FBI Director James Comey, a longtime target of Trump's ire, was indicted by a grand jury for allegedly lying to Congress during testimony in 2020.

Hours earlier Thursday, Trump signed a memorandum directing his Republican administration to target backers of what they dubbed "left-wing terrorism" as he alleged without evidence a vast conspiracy by Democrat-aligned nonprofit groups and activists to finance violent protests.

The developments marked a dramatic escalation of the president's extraordinary use of the levers of presidential power to target his political rivals and his efforts to pressure the Justice Department to pursue investigations — and now prosecutions — of those he disdains. It's a campaign that began soon after Trump returned to office and one that critics see as an abuse of power that puts every American who dares to criticize the president at risk of retaliation.

"Donald Trump has made clear that he intends to turn our justice system into a weapon for punishing and silencing his critics," said Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia, the top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee. The Comey indictment came less than a week after Trump installed a former White House aide and confidant to the role of U.S. attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia. The president had forced the ouster of his previous pick because he wasn't sufficiently responsive to calls from Trump to bring charges against his longtime targets.

"This kind of interference is a dangerous abuse of power," Warner said. "Our system depends on prosecutors making decisions based on evidence and the law, not on the personal grudges of a politician determined to settle scores."

FBI Director James Comey pauses as he testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, May 3, 2017. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster, File)

An escalation in retribution

The first former president convicted of a felony — for falsifying business records to hide hush-money payments to conceal an alleged affair — Trump won the White House despite a host of other legal troubles over his alleged retention of classified information after leaving the White House in 2021 and his role in stoking denials of his 2020 electoral defeat that culminated in the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol.

Thursday's moves were the latest in a concerted effort by Trump to wield the vast powers of his office in unparalleled ways to punish his enemies since returning to the Oval Office in January. During his campaign, Trump made clear this was his intention if he returned to office.

"In 2016, I declared: I am your voice," he said in 2023. "Today, I add: I am your warrior. I am your justice. And for those who have been wronged and betrayed, I am your retribution."

Earlier this week, he signed an order designating a decentralized movement known as antifa — short for "anti-fascists" — as a domestic terrorist organization, a move testing broad First Amendment protections enjoyed by organizations operating within the United States.

The Thursday memo went further, targeting liberal-leaning groups and donors, and "represents a significant abuse of power where the government is either changing the law or bending definitions to try and investigate and punish their political opponents in a way that is really unprecedented," said Caitlin Legacki, of Americans Against Government Censorship, which was founded to fight the Trump administration's weaponization of the federal government against its political rivals.

As for Comey, she said, "It reeks of selective prosecution, it reeks of vindictive targeting and calls into question the integrity of many of the charges being brought by the office."

Trump, meanwhile, denied Friday that he's on a campaign of retribution.

"It's about justice, really. It's not revenge, it's about justice. It's also about the fact that you can't let this go on," he told reporters. "They are sick, radical left people and they can't get away with it."

Asked who is next on his list, he responded: "It's not a list, but I think there'll be others."

A widespread pressure campaign

Beyond Comey, Trump has also pressured prosecutors to bring mortgage fraud charges against New York Attorney General Letitia James, who brought a massive civil fraud case against the president. Attorney General Pam Bondi last month named a special prosecutor to investigate mortgage fraud allegations against James and Democratic U.S. Sen. Adam Schiff of California, another top Trump target. Both have denied wrongdoing.

The Justice Department has also begun examining mortgage fraud allegations against Lisa Cook, the Federal Reserve governor who's won success in lower courts in challenging Trump's effort to remove her from her job in a move she says is designed to erode the central bank's independence. Trump has appealed to the Supreme Court to allow him to oust her.

2 Groups End Blackout Of Jimmy Kimmel Show

NEW YORK (AP) — Nexstar Media Group joined Sinclair Broadcast Group in bringing Jimmy Kimmel's late-night talk show back to its local TV stations on Friday night, ending a dayslong TV blackout for dozens of cities across the U.S.

The companies suspended the program over remarks the comedian made in the wake of conservative activist Charlie Kirk's killing. The move means "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" will return to local TV on Nexstar's ABC affiliates in 28 cities, along with the 38 stations where Sinclair agreed to restore the show.

The show will also return to Sinclair's local TV markets from Seattle to Washington, D.C.

Disney-owned ABC suspended Kimmel on Sept. 17, following threats of potential repercussions from the Trump-appointed head of the Federal Communications Commission. Sinclair also condemned the host — confirming that it would stop airing the show the same day.

The Maryland-based broadcast giant, which is known for conservative political content, called on Kimmel at the time to apologize to Kirk's family — and taking it a step further, asked him to "make a meaningful personal donation" to Turning Point USA, the nonprofit that Kirk founded.

On the day Kirk was killed, Kimmel shared a message of support for Kirk's family and other victims of gun violence on social media, which he reiterated during his Tuesday return to ABC. He had also called the conservative activist's assassination a "senseless murder" prior to being taken off air.

Kimmel's original comments didn't otherwise focus on Kirk. He instead lambasted President Donald Trump and his administration's response to the killing. The comedian did not apologize on Tuesday, but did say "it was never my intention to make light of the murder of a young man" and acknowledged that to some, his comments "felt either ill-timed or unclear or maybe both."

Fact Check: Trump's Talk On Climate Has Holes

By The Associated Press

This week, addressing the United Nations, President Donald Trump made several false claims about climate change, including that it didn't actually exist. He called it "the greatest con job ever perpetrated on the world" and urged world leaders to "get away from the green scam."

It was a pointed and extraordinary takedown of the intensely researched issue, and he did it in front of scores of leaders — including some from nations whose very existence is threatened by the effects of global warming.

Among his remarks were several claims that are false or misleading. We enlisted Peter Prengaman, director of climate news for The Associated Press, to go on camera and break it down. He stacks up Trump's claims with well-established facts offered by scientists and years of research. Give it a watch.

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Correction

A caption for the front page photo of the Assembly candidate forum in the Sentinel's Thursday edition mispelled the names of Sherri Blankenship and Tracie Castle. The Sentinel apologizes for the error.

Climate CONNECTION

Connecting to the issues, the solutions and each other - a collaborative effort by Sitkans concerned about climate change.

Sun Day

Last Sunday, September 21, was the first Sun Day, a national celebration of renewable energy and climate protection, just as April's Earth Day was designed 55 years ago to bring attention to the needs of the environment. Nearly 500 events were registered across every state with incredible diversity and creativity. Some were festivals. Some were home tours of energy-efficient appliances like heat pumps. One was a choreographed dance among a college's solar panels. Another event installed solar panels on affordable Habitat for Humanity homes. A band performance powered its amplifiers with electric Ford F-150 truck batteries. Everywhere were the signature logos of half a sun with the other half an artistic rendering of anything that local participants wanted to create. Looking at a sampling of these 10,000 designs on the organizing website https://www.sunday.earth is an inspiring treat. There are even internationally contributed designs, reflecting that Sun Day events were organized outside the U.S.

These Sun Day celebrations portrayed what people concerned about keeping the world livable for our children and grandchildren are working for. Stopping the earth's global temperature increase, lowering air pollution, and improving health requires replacing fossil fuel combustion with pointing glass solar panels at the sun to generate electricity; catching wind energy with turbines; harnessing gravity of falling water with hydropower; and mining heat with geothermal. In the U.S., after the current administration erased most of the climate-protective measures taken by the last administration, Sun Day was an affirmation that climate matters as an existential risk to our collective existence. Despite the chaos of the last 8 months, we have to continue to build political will for policies that guarantee urgent transition to clean energy and industry, despite obstacles from climate deniers and minimizers.

Luckily, economics are on the side of an accelerating energy transition. Solar and wind power are now cheaper than fossil fuel power. The gigantic electricity needs of data centers can only be quickly and economically met with renewable energy, since fossil and nuclear power plants take many years to be built. Globally, the solar power installed in the first half of 2025 was about equal to the total solar installed in 2021 and 2022 combined. Two-thirds of the 6 months global solar total was installed in China, which is also supplying many third world countries with new electricity.

At the last Sitka Farmers Market of the year, the Transition Sitka table featured a live-aboard boat owner who is in process of installing battery storage and solar power to lower utility cost. These solar panels will join a smattering of other local solar panels, such as at Sitka Electric and Blue Lake campground, and on off-grid islands and aids to navigation. The Jarvis Street community garden will have solar power supplying its electric fence, restroom lighting, and equipment charging. When SEARHC and Coast Guard expansion places more electric demand on our microgrid, should the municipality be exploring floating solar on Blue and Green Lakes?

– Kay Kreiss, Transition Sitka

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PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
SENIOR CENTER SPRINKLER REPLACEMENT

The City and Borough of Sitka will receive bids no later than **2:00PM AKST Thursday, October 16, 2025**.

Bid must be submitted electronically using bidexpress.com. Bids received after the deadline will not be accepted or considered. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud shortly after the deadline in the office of the Municipal Clerk, City and Borough of Sitka, 100 Lincoln Street, Sitka, Alaska 99835.

This project consists of the replacement of the fire sprinkler system at the Swan Lake Senior Center 402 Lake Street, Sitka.

All Bidders are encouraged to attend a Pre-Bid Conference at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 1,2025, at the Swan Lake Senior Center, 402 Lake Street, Sitka, Alaska. A site visit will follow. This contract is subject to the provisions of State of Alaska, Title 36, Minimum Wage Rates. The contract will require certificates of insurance and performance and payment bonds.

A Bid Bond in the amount of 5 percent of the total bid price must accompany each bid that exceeds $100,000. The Bid Bond may be in the form of a certified check made payable to the City and Borough of Sitka or a Bid Bond issued by a surety licensed to do business in Alaska.

Questions can be directed to Michael Stenberg, Project Manager, at publicworks@cityofsitka.org. Inquiries shall be submitted to later than Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 5:00:00 PM Alaska Time Zone.

Specifications and Bid documents are available to be downloaded from the web: www.cityofsitka.com. (Click on the Bids & RFP link)

It is the responsibility of the bidder to regularly check the website for addenda to the project for which they are bidding.

The City and Borough of Sitka reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities.

Mark Seavey
Public Works Director
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POSITION VACANCY: Sitka School District is accepting applications for Boys C Team Basketball Coach at Sitka High School for the 2025-26 school year. Completion of the Alaska Coaches Education Program and other district training are required. Applicants must be able to travel during the work week and on weekends. Apply online at sitkaschools.org and click on 'Employment.' For more information call 907-621-8154, or email Krupar@sitkaschools.org. Alaska Natives are encouraged to apply.

POSITION VACANCY: Sitka School District is accepting applications for an Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at Blatchley Middle School. Temporary position: 10/13/25–11/21/25. Stipend: $1,200. Apply online at sitkaschools.org and click on 'Employment.' For more information call 907-621-8114, or email sheltonk@sitkaschools.org.

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Benefit Dinner, Auction Oct. 5

A fundraising dinner and auction for Sitka Cancer Survivor's Society will be held 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at the Sitka Elks Lodge.

The event is sponsored by Sitka Emblem Club 142.

Spaghetti will be served. A live auction including desserts is planned.

Tickets on a chance to win a queen-size quilt donated by Ocean Wave Quilters, earrings by Charlie Skultka and $250 from Tongass FCU will be sold. The drawing is to be held at noon on Oct. 6.

Calendar of Events

MONDAY
5:30-6:30 p.m. AA, Sitka Pioneers Home Recreation Kitchen, call AA hotline 747-8866 for information
6-7 p.m. Sitka Tribe of Alaska's Kayaani Commission annual meeting and elections, Sheet'ka Kwaan Naa Kahidi
6 p.m. White Elephant Shop open

TUESDAY
6-8 a.m. MEHS Aquatic Center pool open
10:30 a.m. Sitka Sprouts, ages 3-5, free, Sitka Sound Science Center
Noon AA, St. Peter's basement, call AA hotline 747-8866 for information
Noon Rotary Club, UAS-Sitka Campus Room 230
3:45 p.m. School Technology Committee, Blatchley Middle School
6 p.m. Proposition 1 Meet and Greet, Harbor Mountain Brewery

WEDNESDAY
6-8 a.m. MEHS Aquatic Center pool open
10 a.m. Tongass Tots, Playgroup, St. Peter's Episcopal Church See House
11-2 Salvation Army Little Store open
Noon White Elephant Shop open
Noon AA, St. Peter's basement, call AA hotline 747-8866 for information
Noon STA Tribal Council, via Teleconference
4:30 p.m. Sitka Parkinson's Support Group, 1212 Seward Ave. (the old BOQ) 907 747-3461
5-7 p.m. 4-H Family Skate Open House, registration, Blatchley Middle School
5:45 p.m. Sitka School Board, Sitka High School library
6 p.m. Sitka Planning Commission, Harrigan Centennial Hall
6 p.m. Sitka Library Commission, Harrigan Centennial Hall
7 p.m. Sitka Sportsman's Association Indoor Range open
7 p.m. AA, St. Gregory's Church, 606 Etolin Street, info: 907-747-8866

School Board Meets Oct. 1

The Sitka School District School Board will hold its regular monthly meeting 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, in the Sitka High School library.

The meeting will be preceded by student and staff recognitions at 5:45 p.m.

The full meeting agenda can be found by following the link on the District's website: www.sitkaschools.org. Those who wish to submit written public comment on an agenda item must submit it by 5 p.m. Sept. 30 to the District Office at 300 Kostrometinoff Street, or by emailing: info@sitkaschools.org.

New Archangel Dancers Show Time

New Archangel Dancers' big show will be presented 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

Tickets are: adults $10; ages 6-12 years $5; and ages 5 and younger free. Tickets are available at Harrigan Centennial Hall. All proceeds benefit the Alaska Day Committee.

Contact: newarchangeldancer@gmail.com or 907 747-5516 for information.

Adopt a Ghost is Library Program

Sitka Public Library invites ages 6 to 12 years to check out a spooky book in the library collection and adopt a Library Ghost.

Participants will receive an adoption certificate, and directions on how to take care of their adopted ghost.

The program opens Oct. 4 and runs until all the library stuffed ghosts have found a new home.

Seasonal Sales Tax Rate Changes

The City and Borough of Sitka tax office reminds Sitkans the seasonal sales tax rate will decrease to 5% on Oct. 1. It will be in effect through March 31.

Bed tax for rentals less than 30 days remains at 6% year-round. Those who have questions can contact the tax office at 907 747-1840 or tax@cityofsitka.org.

AMERICORPS – Clare Sheedy will spend her time AmeriCorps year serving as a resident teaching artist at Blatchley Middle School. She has a bachelor's degree in English literature summa cum laude, from the University of Pittsburgh, and is pursuing a master's in image and text at Cornell University. Her skills include printmaking, bookmaking, photography, papermaking, paper dyeing, collage, and writing. (Photo by Bobbi Jordan)

School Technology Committee to Meet

Sitka School District's Technology Committee will meet 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, in the Blatchley Middle School Library.

A link to a tentative meeting agenda may be found on the district website. No action will be taken at this open meeting.

Hazardous Waste Collection Oct. 4-5

The City and Borough of Sitka will hold a Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection event 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 4; and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 5.

Households are eligible to participate free of charge, and items can be delivered to the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 100 Alice Loop off Airport Road.

Small businesses and government agencies may participate for a fee with prior arrangements by contacting the Public Works Office at 907 747-1804.

Acceptable items include solvents, oils, paints, antifreeze, cleaners, poisons, acids, lead acid batteries (excluding lithium ion and nickel-metal hydride), caustics, furniture stripper, herbicides, pesticides, flares, and printing or photographic chemicals.

For information, visit www.cityofsitka.com or contact Public Works at 907.747.1804 or publicworks@cityofsitka.org.

STA's Kayaaní Panel to Meet

Sitka Tribe of Alaska's Kayaani Commission will host its annual meeting and elections 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Sheet'ká Kwáan Naa Kahídi.

The meeting will include a potluck-style dinner celebrating Sheet'ká's locally grown and gathered plants. The public is invited to learn more about the Kayaaní Commission and get involved.

Virtual attendance is available.

The Zoom link is: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88624216884?pwd=czqN8qTuZmMG4NJPVRTIbrYiV3QaIN; Meeting ID: 886 2421 6884; Passcode: 572831.

Marine Safety Instructor Class Set

Alaska Marine Safety Education Association will conduct a six-day U.S. Coast Guard–accepted Marine Safety Instructor Training 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 6-11 at the Public Safety Training Academy.

The intensive, hands-on course prepares participants to become U.S. Coast Guard-accepted Marine Safety Instructors and provides the skills needed to teach Emergency Drill Conductor training for commercial fishermen.

AMSEA said the course is ideal for anyone with a marine background who is interested in training commercial fishermen, improving maritime safety, or leading drill conductor courses.

To register, go to www.amsea.org. Call 907 747-3287 for further information.

Marine Safety Fair, Open House Slated

A First Responder Open House and Marine Safety Fair is planned 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Sitka hangar.

It will feature aircraft and equipment on display, and food trucks on site. Admission is free to the family-friendly event.

The intent is for the public to meet their first responders, see first-hand some of the equipment used in providing assistance, and learn how to safely work and recreate in local waters and wilderness including preparation for emergencies such as medical equipment and signaling devices, organizers said.

Attendees also can speak with rescuers about the challenges in search and rescue in Southeast Alaska.

Police Blotter

Sitka Police Department logged the following calls over the weekend.

September 26

At 10:07 a.m. a man said his vehicle was missing at the Crescent Harbor parking area. He located it shortly afterward.

September 27

At 2 a.m. a verbal altercation was reported at Pioneer Park as a party was winding up. Police found nothing criminal had occurred.

At 4:49 a.m. the gates at the Coast Guard air station were reported open. Police found the gates had been left open because of possible high wind occurring.

At 12:24 p.m. a driver was reported swerving on the O'Connell Bridge. An officer found the driver was not impaired.

A woman reported losing money in an online gambling operation. She later found the package of money had reached its destination, and police gave her the i3c.gov number to call.

A woman said she was suspicious about who had knocked on her door a couple of hours before.

An officer checked out a report of a family fight and found nothing criminal had occurred.

September 28

At 5:13 a.m. a man and woman were reported screaming and yelling on a porch at SMC and Baranof Street. After police arrived they agreed to separate for the time being.

At 11:36 a.m. a plane was reported coming in on one engine at the airport. It landed safely. (See story on page 1.)

A man said he was being harassed on social media. He was advised of his options.

A caller complained someone was parked in a no-parking area on Merrill Street. The caller was told the owner of the property must be the one to complain.

September 29

At 1:36 a.m. a caller complained about men making a lot of noise in the 400 block of Katlian Street. The men were gone when police arrived.

At 6 a.m. a caller said his bike was missing from Rudolph Fulton Circle.

Emergency Calls

Sitka Fire Department received one ambulance call Friday, five on Saturday and three on Sunday. It also received a call to the airport, where a plane was landing on one engine. (See story, page 1.)

Sitka Police

Miguel Garcia, 27, was charged Friday with assault in the fourth degree, domestic violence.

Arlanda Pete, 32, was charged Friday with criminal trespass in the first degree.

Mr. Scarecrow at Pumpkin' Patch

Mr. Scarecrow will be standing in the 3 to 5 Preschool's Pumpkin' Patch at AC Lakeside Grocery parking lot on Sunday, Oct. 19, rain or shine.

The preschool fundraising event, which includes picking a favorite pumpkin, is 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Attendees can sit or stand beside Mr. Scarecrow in the patch or go up behind Blatchley Middle School along the fence for more photo opportunities.

Jessie's Uptown Dogs will be selling her hot dogs and the Donut Lady will have special treats.

The preschool expressed appreciation to its sponsors, AC Lakeside, Sitka Bottling, Sitka Swirls and the Donut Lady.

Centennial Hall To be Closed

Harrigan Centennial Hall will be closed Sunday, Oct. 5, for maintenance.

Regular business hours will resume on Monday, Oct. 6.

Contact the Harrigan Centennial Hall manager at 907 747-4090 for information.

'Mo' Fredrickson Dies; Lifelong Sitkan was 64

Maureen "Mo" Fredrickson, a lifelong Sitka resident, passed away peacefully on September 10, 2025, at Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She was 64.

Born in Sitka on April 26, 1961, Mo's love for Alaska's natural beauty shaped her life. She found joy in the wild – bears, geese, swans, whales – and spent countless hours at Starrigavan and Harbor Mountain. In the summer, she had the TV tuned in to watch the bears of Katmai. She and her partner of 31 years, Bill Peters, rarely missed their annual Whalefest Cruise. She loved thunder and lightning storms and would turn off all the lights to get the full effect, and she would celebrate the first snow on the mountains.

Mo had a flair for the whimsical and the spooky. If it was pink, frilly, fluffy, or flower-filled, it was Mo! She loved scary movies – especially *"The Birds"* and *"The Blair Witch Project"* – and loved decorating for every holiday and season.

She attended Sitka schools and graduated from Sitka High in 1979. Mo was a citizen of Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska and a member of Shee Atika Inc. She worked at SEARHC for over 25 years.

She is survived by Bill and their four cherished kitties; her mother, Opal Olsen, of Des Moines, Washington; and her sisters: Rhonda Bowen (Mike) of Port Angeles, Washington; Robin Bergey (Guy) of Juneau; Florence Woodbury (Scott) of Portland, Oregon; and Amy Fredrickson of Des Moines, Washington.

She was beloved Auntie Mo to Matt Bowen, Wes Bowen (Mandi), Jeff Wolfe, Joel Wolfe (Jeannie), Kate Bergey, Max Woodbury, Jake Woodbury, and Aleksia Fredrickson. Her great-nieces and nephews – Karley Bowen-Wyant, Tyler Bowen, Claire Wolfe, Emma and Eli Wolfe – will forever treasure the time spent with their Auntie Mo.

Maureen "Mo" Fredrickson

She is also survived by her aunts and uncles, Virginia Travis, Connie (Jerry) Simpson, Thor and Gerard Helgesen, Judy Helgesen, Irene Fredrickson, Eleanor Kmetic and their families and sisters-in-law Mary Christoffersen (Charlie) and Linda (Jim) Walters and families.

She was preceded in death by her father, Martin Fredrickson.

Her memory lives on in the hearts of those who loved her and in the places she held dear, her family said.

A private memorial will be held later.

Memorials may be made to the Sitka Animal Shelter or Bears of Katmai.

Monthly Grind Set for Saturday

Sitka Monthly Grind will begin its 31st season Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Sheet'ka Kwaan Naa Kahidi. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m.

Sitka Monthly Grind philosophy remains affordable, non-political, and family oriented. Tickets at Old Harbor Books are $5 for everyone.

Attendees are encouraged to take a beverage cup to help reduce the trash. Those with questions can call Jeff at 907 747-4821.

4-H Family Skate Open House Slated

Enrollment for Sitka Spruce Tips 4-H Club for the upcoming year opens Wednesday, Oct. 1, for all youths ages 5-18 years.

An open house will be held 5-7 p.m. Oct. 1 at Blatchley Middle School.

Staff will be available to assist in enrolling youths and provide information about hands-on learning experiences. Enrolled families are invited to skate. Snacks and skates will be provided. For information contact Jasmine Shaw at jdshaw2@alaska.edu or call 907 747-9440.

Sitka Fine Arts Camp Presents
The Zaniac Comedy Show with Alex Zerbe
Friday, October 3 at 7pm
Sitka Performing Arts Center
Beatboxing, juggling, dancing, singing, music, magic, and more!
TICKETS AT WWW.FINEARTSCAMP.ORG/SHOWS

VOTE YES

PROP 1 ☑ YES ☐ NO
PROP 2 ☑ YES ☐ NO

To keep our young families and working residents in Sitka, we need more than just jobs , we need quality of life. Recreation keeps us healthy, and informed decision-making protects the opportunities that support us all. On October 7th, Vote Yes on Proposition 1 and Proposition 2.

Paid for by Safeguard Sitka's Future P.O. Box 718 Sitka, Alaska 99835. Chris McGraw, Chair, approves this message. Top contributors are Sitka Dock Company, LLC, Sitka, AK, Allen Marine Tours, Sitka, AK, and Beverly Jean Caldwell, Sitka, AK.

CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA

LEGAL NOTICE
Meeting Agenda Planning Commission
Wednesday, October 1, 2025
7:00 PM
Harrigan Centennial Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
II. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA
III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
A. Approve the September 3, 2025 meeting minutes.
IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD
(Public participation on any item off the agenda. All public testimony is not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual, unless the Chair imposes other time constraints at the beginning of the agenda item.)
V. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT
VI. REPORTS
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VOTING OPTIONS

Regular Municipal Election
Tuesday, October 7, 2025

- Apply to receive ballot by mail
- Early voting at HCH 9/22-10/6 8:30am - 4:30pm M-F & Saturdays 9am - noon
- Apply to vote by fax or email
- Unable to vote in-person? Vote by personal rep
- Vote in-person at HCH on Election Day 7am - 8pm

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

Minutes - Final

Planning Commission

Wednesday, October 1, 2025 | **7:00 PM** | **Harrigan Centennial Hall**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: Darrell Windsor (Chair), Katie Riley, Wendy Alderson, Margaret Frank, Thor Christianson (Assembly Liaison, left 8:24 p.m.)
Excused: Robin Sherman
Staff: Amy Ainslie, Kim Davis, Ariadne Will
Public: Mike Finn, Liz Finn, Jake Trierschield, Luke Bruckert, Jay Erie, Mary Magnuson, Peter Menendez, Patricia MacPike, Michelle Kavouras, Christian Litten, JJ Carlson, Kevin Mosher, Sara Peterson, Cathy Li (Sitka Sentinel)

Chair Windsor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

A PM 25-16 Approve the September 3, 2025 meeting minutes.

M/Riley-S/Alderson moved to approve the September 3, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

V. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ainslie informed the commission that the body would again discuss cruise docks at the following meeting. She said also the Office of Administrative Hearings had issued its decision regarding VAR 25-01, the height variance request related to a telecommunications tower on Nancy Court.

VI. REPORTS

VII. THE EVENING BUSINESS

B CUP 25-14 Public hearing and consideration of a request for a conditional use permit for multifamily housing (four-plex) at 200 Baranof Street in the R-1 single-family and duplex residential district. The property is also known as Lot 1, Jones-OJA Street Subdivision. The request is filed by Jake Trierschield. The owners of record are Peter and Linda Jones.

Davis introduced a request for a conditional use permit for multifamily housing at 200

Baranof Street in the R-1 single-family and duplex residential district. The applicant was looking to place two more apartments in the building, the site of the old Etolin Street School. The building had two apartments already.

Davis said the applicant expected small increases in noise and traffic, in line with typical residential use. Applicant Jake Trierschield said he did not have anything to add and no public comment was received. The commission noted during deliberation that the property was adjacent to a grocery store with several dwelling units on its second floor. The commission also added a condition of approval prohibiting the apartments from being rented as short-term rentals. Trierschield said he was amendable to the condition.

M/Riley-S/Alderson moved to approve the conditional use permit for multifamily housing (four-plex) at 200 Baranof Street in the R-1 single-family and duplex residential district subject to the attached conditions of approval as amended, with a requirement for prohibition of short-term rental uses. The property was also known as Lot One (1), Jones-Oja Street Subdivision. The request was filed by Jake Trierschield. The owners of record were Peter and Linda Jones. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

M/Riley-S/Alderson moved to adopt and approve the required findings for conditional use permits as listed in the staff report. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

C CUP 25-15 Public hearing and consideration of a request for a conditional use permit for a bed and breakfast at 116 Knutson Drive in the R-2 multifamily residential district. The property is also known as Lot Seventeen A (17A), Knutson Subdivision Phase III Lot Line Adjustment. The request is filed by Michael Finn. The owners of record are Michael and Elizabeth Finn.

Davis reviewed a request for a conditional use permit for a bed and breakfast at 116 Knutson Drive. Davis said the applicant planned to host up to six guests in three rooms. Guests were to be picked up by the applicant/owner and would stay only one night per week in the summers. Applicant Mike Finn said that the guests were to be clients for his son's charter business.

No public comment was received and the commission did not deliberate prior to voting on the motion.

M/Riley-S/Alderson moved to approve the request for a conditional use permit for a bed and breakfast at 116 Knutson Drive in the R-2 multifamily residential district. The property was also known as Lot Seventeen A (17A), Knutson Subdivision Phase III Lot Line Adjustment. The request was filed by MIchael Finn. The owners of record were Michael and Elizabeth Finn. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

M/Riley-S/Alderson moved to adopt the required findings for conditional use permits as listed in the staff report. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

D MISC 25-13 Review and recommendation of a municipal petition to the State of Alaska's Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to increase the number of restaurant and eating place licenses in Sitka.

Ainslie presented a memo to the commission regarding a draft resolution to be approved by the Assembly petitioning the State of Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for three additional Restaurant and Eating Place Licenses (REPLs). As was,

Sitka had eight REPLs, two of which were seasonal licenses. REPLs were only be available to "bona fide restaurants" and only applied to "brewed beverages and wine." The petition to request for more licenses was permitted given that state law required visitor and nonresident numbers to be considered alongside resident population numbers. With the proposed petition requesting three additional licenses, one REPL would serve around 61,000 people, including visitors. Ainslie noted that among Alaska communities that had requested additional REPLs and received them, this was by far the lowest ratio of REPL-to-person ratio.

The Assembly was to again consider the resolution and petition at its October 28 meeting. Ainslie explained that the commission was being asked to consider the resolution, and specifically the adequacy of community and economic growth to warrant an increase of REPLs, public health and safety concerns associated with additional REPLs, economic impacts associated with additional REPLs, consistency of the petition with the Comprehensive Plan, and any other considerations the Assembly should make in determining whether to move forward with the petition.

The commission asked whether a third seasonal REPL could be requested from the state. It was determined that this was a possibility. Ainslie clarified that seasonal licenses could only operate for six months of the year. Ainslie said the license filing fee with the state was $1500 or $2000 and that no further price was paid by recipients, but that licenses were resold at "market rate," which seemed to transfer for "tens of thousands" of dollars. Ainslie noted that more money was typically paid for full liquor licenses than for REPLs.

Michelle Kavouras, Patricia MacPike, Luke Bruckert, Mary Magnuson, Peter Menendez, and Christian Litten all spoke under public comment. Letters from Stan Filler and Amy Zanuzoski were read into the record. Kavouras, MacPike, Magnuson, Menendez, Filler, and Zanuzoski were opposed to the petition for additional REPLs. Bruckert and Litten were in favor of the petition and identified themselves as business owners interested in acquiring REPLs for their eating establishments.

Those opposed cited public health, competition, and the devaluation of existing licenses as reasons to against recommendation of the petition. Those opposed also said that police presence was not robust enough to appropriately respond to an increased number of REPLs. Those in favor said the additional licenses would not meaningfully contribute to competition with liquor licenses--which were held by some public commenters--or increased rates of alcohol abuse.

During deliberation, the commission said it felt that the population numbers shown supported the petition and that additional REPLs could support local economic growth of year-round restaurants. Commissioner Riley said that she had spoken with the police chief about the health impacts of REPLs, and that the chief had said the biggest public health concern regarding the consumption of alcohol was not establishments that held REPLs or even bars, but package stores that allowed people to "take liquor home."

The commission requested the Assembly ask the state to give deference to REPL applicants who owned year-round, local businesses, should the state grant additional REPLs. Following the vote, Ainslie said that this recommendation would be routed through the city's legal department before it was returned to the Assembly.

M/Alderson-S/Riley moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2025-11A, petitioning the Alaska State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to issue up to three additional restaurant and eating place licenses (REPLs) in Sitka, with the

addition that established, year-round businesses be prioritized in cases of mutually exclusive, i.e. competing applications. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

E MISC 25-15 Recommendation of the Sitka Historic Preservation Plan.

Will introduced the draft Sitka Historic Preservation Plan, which she explained had been approved by the Historic Preservation Commission on August 13. The next steps were for the plan to receive recommendation from the Planning Commission before forwarding to the Assembly for approval and adoption. Will said the plan was part of the Historic Preservation Commission's duties as outlined in Sitka General Code, and said the body had not updated the plan since 1994. She explained the plan's contents and read through the plan's goals and actions. She also explained the public process the plan had undergone, including a recent public input meeting and feedback from Sitka Tribe of Alaska's Cultural Resources Committee.

The Planning Commission asked how the plan related to its goals. Will and Ainslie explained the concept of adaptive reuse to the commission and how the continued use of a building allowed for its preservation, which related to Planning Commission goals and actions. Ainslie said that the goals of both commissions were largely intertwined, including the use of legal nonconforming structures and certain rezoning efforts.

No public comment was received.

M/Alderson-S/Frank moved to recommend Assembly approval of the Sitka Historic Preservation Plan. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Windsor adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

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September 30, 2025

Mayor and Members of the Sitka Assembly
City and Borough of Sitka
Sitka, Alaska

Re: Opposition to Expansion of Liquor Licenses in Sitka

Dear Mayor and Assembly Members,

On behalf of Sitka Counseling and Prevention, I am writing to express our opposition to expanding the number of Restaurant/Eating Place Licenses (REPLs) in Sitka.

Under **Alaska Statute Title 4, AS 04.11.405**, the legislature established strict population-based limits on the number of alcohol licenses in a community. This framework is not arbitrary—it is a public health safeguard designed to balance economic opportunity with the health and safety of Alaska residents. The law recognizes that excessive alcohol availability increases risks to community wellbeing, especially for youth.

Expanding licenses beyond these statutory quotas is not in the public interest for Sitka. Alcohol already contributes significantly to the harms we face as a community:

- **Youth Risk**: Local surveys show alcohol is one of the top substances used by Sitka youth, with about one-third of high school students reporting recent use. Increased availability—particularly in family-centered venues such as the movie theater—normalizes alcohol for young people and undermines prevention efforts.
- **Health Impacts**: Alcohol misuse is linked to liver disease, cancers, heart problems, depression, and suicide. Sitka residents continue to experience these harms, which are compounded by the high rates of alcohol-related injuries in Alaska.
- **Community Costs**: Increased availability drives up demands on law enforcement, healthcare, and social services—costs borne by the entire community.
- **Conflict with State Goals**: Expansion contradicts the prevention priorities outlined in **Healthy Alaskans 2030**, which include reducing youth and adult binge drinking and lowering alcohol-related injury deaths.

By petitioning the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for more licenses, the Assembly is asking to bypass the very safeguards created under AS 04.11.405. Doing so may serve the economic interests of a few, but it directly harms the broader public interest of community health and safety.

We strongly urge the Assembly to reconsider this request. Sitka has invested years of effort into prevention and youth support. Expanding alcohol availability undercuts that progress and places our most vulnerable populations at risk.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. We stand ready to support the Assembly in identifying healthier strategies to balance economic development with community wellbeing.

Respectfully,

Amy Zanuzoski
Executive Director

From:	Patricia MacPike
To:	Planning Department
Cc:	Stan Filler
Subject:	REPL
Date:	Wednesday, October 1, 2025 10:15:30 AM

You don't often get email from sitkacharr@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,
Please refer to the statute set below.

It is my understanding that even using the 665,000 visitors and dividing that by the 182 we would be eligible for two seasonal licenses. We are already over licensed both on the permanent licenses and the seasonal.

The statutes are set to protect public interest and help communities find economic balance and sustainability. Adding more licenses with our small year-round population will strain our existing businesses. There is a breaking point at which too much competition does no favors to any business, folks will lose jobs due to closures and sales tax will decrease.

Additionally, as a community that supports its youth, even to the point that we have Ballot Proposition 1 where we will invest millions in their health, what kind of mixed message would we be sending the youth by allowing for more liquor licenses? We need to have options for our youth as well.

Restaurants that sell alcohol cannot sell food to youth under 16 without a parent present. Likewise, a 16 or 17 year old can't be in a restaurant that has entertainment without buying food. As we have many student visitors in our town during the winter months, as a community, we should make sure we have a variety of options available. After all these visitors collectively spend more time in our town and with more frequency. Example- a Freshman basketball player will come no less that four times not including tournaments. This is more time than one tourist for six hours.

As community members appointed to plan for our future, I respectfully ask you to find that we already have plenty of REPL's in our community and do not need to add additional licenses.

Sincerely,

Stan Filler,
President
Sitka CHARR

AAC 305.305. Seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism license. (a) Subject to the limitations of licenses as set out under 3 AAC 305.900, the board may approve an application for a seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism license under AS 04.09.360. The board may approve an application for the transfer of ownership of a seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism license to a person who files a license application under AS 04.11.260, if the applicant's

licensed premises qualify as a bona fide restaurant or eating place under the sole control of the applicant and is
(1) located in a municipality or established village that has a population of 40,000 or less; and
(2) receives more than 4,000 visitors a year as determined under 3 AAC 305.910.
(b) The holder of a seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism license may provide entertainment as set out and identified in AS 04.09.360. (Eff. 1/1/2024, Register 248)
3 AAC 305.310. Determining available seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism licenses. (a) The board will not issue seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism licenses in municipalities or established villages that qualify for this license type if the issuance results in more than one seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism license per 1,500 visitors per visitor day.
(b) Visitor count or fraction of visitor per visitor day is calculated by dividing the total annual visitor count as set out under 3 AAC 305.910 by 182.
(c) The board may further limit the available seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism licenses upon application if the number of restaurant and eating place licenses issued under AS 04.09.210 exceed the restaurant and eating place licenses permissible under AS 04.11.400(a), or as public interest requires. (Eff. 1/1/2024, Register 248)

SUBMITTED BY MARY MAGNUSON AT 10/1/2025 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

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Holley Bayne, Deputy Municipal Clerk

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Trump Fails Again In Quest for Peace Prize

By MIKE PESOLI and MICHELLE L. PRICE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump was passed over for the Nobel Peace Prize today despite jockeying from his fellow Republicans, various world leaders and — most vocally — himself.

Venezuelan opposition leader María Corina Machado was awarded the prize, after she was nominated last year by a group that included then-Sen. Marco Rubio, who is now Trump's secretary of state. The Norwegian Nobel Committee said it was honoring Machado "for her tireless work promoting democratic rights for the people of Venezuela and for her struggle to achieve a just and peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy."

Machado, however, said she wanted to dedicate the win to Trump, along with the people of her country, as she praised the president for support of her cause.

Trump congratulated Machado in a phone call today, her campaign manager Magalli Meda confirmed to The Associated Press.

The White House responded to the news of the award today, with communications director Steven Cheung saying members of "the Nobel Committee proved they place politics over peace" because they didn't recognize Trump, especially after the Gaza ceasefire deal his administration helped strike this week.

"He has the heart of a humanitarian, and there will never be anyone like him who can move mountains with the sheer force of his will," Cheung wrote on social media.

The White House did not comment on Machado's recognition, but Trump on social media shared Machado's post praising him.

Her opposition to President Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela aligns with the Trump administration's own stance on Venezuela, and Secretary of State Marco Rubio previously praised her as "the personification of resilience, tenacity, and patriotism."

Trump, who has long coveted the prestigious prize, has been outspoken about his desire for the honor during both of his presidential terms, particularly lately as he takes credit for ending conflicts around the world. The Republican president had expressed doubts that the Nobel committee would ever grant him the award.

"They'll have to do what they do. Whatever they do is fine. I know this: I didn't do it for that. I did it because I saved a lot of lives," Trump said Thursday.

Although Trump received nominations for the prize, many of them occurred after the Feb. 1 deadline for the 2025 award, which fell just a week and a half into his second term. His name was, however, put forward in December by Republican Rep. Claudia Tenney of New York, her office said in a statement, for his brokering of the Abraham Accords, which normalized relations between Israel and several Arab states in 2020.

A long history of lobbying for the prize

Jørgen Watne Frydnes, chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, said the committee has seen various campaigns in its long history of awarding the peace prize.

"We receive thousands and thousands of letters every year of people wanting to say what for them leads to peace," he said. "This committee sits in a room filled with the portraits of all laureates, and that room is filled with both courage and integrity. So we base only our decision on the work and the will of Alfred Nobel."

The peace prize, first awarded in 1901, was created partly to encourage ongoing peace efforts. Alfred Nobel stipulated in his will that the prize should go to someone "who shall have done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses."

Three sitting U.S. presidents have won the Nobel Peace Prize: Theodore Roosevelt in 1906, Woodrow Wilson in 1919 and Barack Obama in 2009. Jimmy Carter won the prize in 2002, a full two decades after leaving office. Former Vice President Al Gore received the prize in 2007.

Obama, a Democrat who was a focus of Trump's attacks well before the Republican was elected, won the prize early in his tenure as president.

"They gave it to Obama for doing absolutely nothing but destroying our country," Trump said Thursday.

Wars in Gaza and elsewhere

As one of his reasons for deserving the award, Trump often says he has ended seven wars, though some of the conflicts the president claims to have resolved were merely tensions and his role in easing them is disputed.

But while there is hope for the end to Israel and Hamas' war, with Israel saying a ceasefire agreement with Hamas came into effect today, much remains uncertain about the aspects of the broader plan, including whether and how Hamas will disarm and who will govern Gaza. And little progress seems to have been made in the Russia-Ukraine war, a conflict Trump claimed during the 2024 campaign that he could end in one day.

As Trump pushes for peaceful resolutions to conflicts abroad, the country he governs remains deeply divided and politically fraught. Trump has kicked off what he hopes to be the largest deportation program in American history to remove immigrants living in the U.S. illegally. He is using the levers of government, including the Justice Department, to go after his perceived political enemies. He has sent the military into U.S. cities over local opposition to stop crime and crack down on immigration enforcement.

He withdrew the United States from the landmark Paris climate agreement, dealing a blow to worldwide efforts to combat global warming. He touched off global trade wars with his on-again, off-again tariffs, which he wields as a threat to bend other countries and companies to his will. He asserted presidential war powers by declaring cartels to be unlawful combatants and launching lethal strikes on boats in the Caribbean that he alleged were carrying drugs.

The full list of people nominated is secret, but anyone who submits a nomination is free to talk about it. Trump's detractors say supporters, foreign leaders and others are submitting Trump's name for nomination for the prize — and announcing it publicly — not because he deserves it but because they see it as a way to manipulate him and stay in his good graces.

The office of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who this summer said he was nominating Trump for the prize, today reposted Cheung's response with the comment: "The Nobel Committee talks about peace. President @realDonaldTrump makes it happen."

"The facts speak for themselves," Netanyahu's office said on X. "President #Trump deserves it."

The authoritarian president of Belarus, Alexander Lukashenko, said Trump deserved the prize and said it was "sheer stupidity" for him not to receive it.

Lukashenko, whose government has faced sweeping Western sanctions for its brutal crackdown on critics after a contested 2020 election, had a phone call with Trump in August that sparked speculation of a possible thaw in relations.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who sent troops to Ukraine in 2022 and has sought to show alignment with Trump, told reporters in Taijikistan today that it's not up to him to judge whether Trump should have received the prize, but he praised the ceasefire deal for Gaza.

He also criticized the Nobel Committee's prior decisions, saying it has in the past awarded the prize to those who have done little to advance global peace.

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Sitka Yesterday

20 YEARS AGO
October 2005

From the Police Blotter: At 10:49 p.m. a downtown bartender said a patron she had kicked out had stated he would return with an AK-47. The bartender said she wasn't too worried about the statement but wanted police to know the situation. Officers patrolled the area.

50 YEARS AGO
October 1975

Monday Night Mixed Bowling. High games for the men were by Ralph Dahlquist, Tony Hrebar, Ed Venneberg. High games for the women were by Kathy Thoreson, Jan Turner and Vicky Odell.

Weather

Sitka Forecast

For tonight expect a low of 42 degrees, mostly cloudy skies, and wind 5-10 mph. On Saturday, a high of 53 degrees and sunny with an overnight low of 40 and mostly clear skies. On Sunday, a high of 53 and mostly sunny followed by an overnight low of 44 degrees and a 50 percent chance of rain. Then on Monday, Indigenous Peoples Day, a state holiday, expect a high of 53 degrees with rain and an overnight low of 48 with, yes, rain.

Sitka Weather

Temperatures ranged from 41 to 55 degrees, the wind hit 12 mph out of the west at 1:53 p.m., and .05 inch of rain was measured in the 24 hours ending at midnight last night, the National Weather Service claims.

Congress Advances Plan For Alaska Road Project

By JAMES BROOKS
Alaska Beacon

Three days after President Donald Trump signed an order approving federal permits for a proposed mining road through the Brooks Range, the U.S. Congress put the finishing touch on a resolution intended to further aid the Ambler Road project.

In a 50-46 vote on Thursday, the U.S. Senate approved a resolution that overturns the Biden administration's decision to enact a land management plan for Interior Alaska that would have limited development in order to encourage the growth of declining caribou herds, salmon, dall sheep and other wildlife.

That vote followed one in early September by the U.S. House of Representatives. The resolution now goes to Trump's desk, and the president is expected to sign it. The Central Yukon Resource Management Plan was the result of a 10-year project to determine how 13.3 million acres of federal land in Interior Alaska should be used, including public access for subsistence and recreation, as well as opportunities for development. But the final result dissatisfied members of Alaska's congressional delegation and Alaskans who favor mining and resource development, including Doyon Ltd., the regional Alaska Native corporation for Interior Alaska.

Those opponents worried that the plan would hamper projects like the 211-mile Ambler Road, which is intended to connect the Dalton Highway with potential mine sites in the Brooks Range. They also expressed concern that the plan could derail construction of the proposed trans-Alaska natural gas pipeline.

Environmental groups praised the plan, noting that local residents and Alaska Native tribes participated in shaping the result. Opponents urged the delegation to seek the repeal of the plan, and Rep. Nick Begich, R-Alaska, introduced a resolution to do so. Begich guided it through the House and on to the Senate, where it was supported by Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan, R-Alaska.

"The Biden administration's Central Yukon Resource Management Plan was an egregious case of federal overreach and just one of the administration's 70 executive orders and actions singularly focused on harming Alaska, our economy, and our working families," Sullivan said in a written statement. "This particular scheme effectively locked up millions of acres of Alaska's land, ignored Alaska Native voices, undermined long-standing federal law, and blocked access to critical mineral, energy, gravel, and material resources that our local communities, state and nation need."

Murkowski said that reopening the plan for additional changes will allow the Bureau of Land Management "to develop a more balanced plan."

"I expect a new final plan to address long-standing access issues, provide greater opportunity for economic development, including key energy and mineral resources, and ensure Alaska Native landowners in the region can maximize the use of their own lands while still protecting subsistence and conserving where truly necessary," she said in a statement.

Begich said he is "proud to see this legislation head to the President's desk and grateful for the work of Senator Murkowski and Senator Sullivan to get this across the finish line as we continue to unlock Alaska's resource potential."

Environmental groups denounced the decision, with the Sierra Club and the Wilderness Society saying that the delegation acted incorrectly.

"The existing plan was vital for both the people in the region and the salmon, caribou and Dall sheep that will suffer if migration routes are cut off and habitat isn't protected," said Cooper Freeman, Alaska director of the Center for Biological Diversity. "Our Alaska delegation should stop selling out our communities and public lands to out-of-state corporations that just want to plunder our state for profit."

--https://alaskabeacon.com/james-brooks

Climate CONNECTION

Connecting to the issues, the solutions and each other - a collaborative effort by Sitkans concerned about climate change.

Inequality Implications for Climate

In 1990, 63% of global carbon inequality in greenhouse gas emissions was due to differences among nations. The average citizen of rich countries polluted more than the rest of global inhabitants. Now, 30 years later, within-nation inequality accounts for nearly two-thirds of global carbon emission inequality. This is a result of the increase in economic inequality, with the rich contributing much more to global warming everywhere, and particularly in rich nations.

Based on 2019 data, the U.S. needed to decrease per capita emissions by 11.1 metric tons/year to meet its target emission reductions by 2030. The bottom 50% of the U.S. population is already below this target and would not need to reduce their emissions at all. Those in the next 40% of the population would need to reduce their emissions by 12 tons (54%) per person annually. The top 10% of the population would need to reduce their emissions by 64.7 tons (87%) per person annually.

Globally, the bottom 50% of the population generates an average of 1.6 tons of carbon per person annually. The top 1% generate 110 tons per person annually. The top 0.1% generate 467 tons, and the top 0.01% 2,530 tons annually. The top 10% globally generate 48% of all global carbon emissions. And the top 1% exceed the carbon emissions of the bottom 50% globally by 5 percentage points. Thus, 4 billion people in the world are suffering from global warming caused by a very few people.

The Paris Agreement involved nations agreeing to cut carbon emissions, but the disproportionate contributions of the wealthy to global warming suggest that the effort must be directed to the top 1-10% of a nation's citizens, particularly in rich countries. As economic wealth is increasingly concentrated, governmental action to comply with the 10-year old Paris Agreement is diminished or eliminated. In the U.S., Trump again withdrew our country from the Paris Agreement upon taking office this year.

Action to mitigate global warming can't be successful without addressing the distribution of wealth. National governmental climate action isn't feasible without ensuring that the common good takes precedence over desires and habits of the wealthy. Only a third of nations have submitted their commitments to lower their carbon emissions for nationally determined contributions to lowering greenhouse gas emissions. These were due months ago for the annual Conference of the Parties scheduled in one month in Belem, Brazil. Past such meetings of all nations have been overwhelmed by lobbyists from fossil fuel industries and obstructed by petro-states.

The practice of needing consensus among all attending nations for the meetings' conclusions has delayed progress, such that we have already exceeded the 1.5 degree C target for global warming in the last 2 years. Many are calling for a change in international discussions convened by the United Nations. The increasing concentration of wealth among the few may make nations ineffectual participants in dealing with our existential crisis of global warming.

– Kay Kreiss, Transition Sitka

Made in Sitka Market Saturday

The Made in Sitka Market, fall edition, will be held 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

It will feature a collection of local artisans and vendors.

CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA

LEGAL NOTICE
Parks and Recreation Committee

The Parks and Recreation Committee will meet **12:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 14, 2025** in Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive. Agenda items include: Discussion / Direction / Decision on the Cooperative Resource Management Agreement with Alaska DNR for lands/trails/dock at Baranof Warm Springs, Discussion and public comment on the 2026 Commercial Recreational Land Use Plan, and Discussion / Direction / Decision on rescheduling the November 11 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

Holley Bayne, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Published: October 10, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE
Meeting Agenda Planning Commission
Wednesday, October 15, 2025
7:00 PM
Harrigan Centennial Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
II. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA
III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
A. Approve the October 1, 2025 meeting minutes.
IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD
(Public participation on any item off the agenda. All public testimony is not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual, unless the Chair imposes other time constraints at the beginning of the agenda item.)
IV. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT
V. REPORTS
VI THE EVENING BUSINESS
B. Public hearing and consideration of a final plat for a minor subdivision at 286 Tongass Drive. The property is also known as a portion of Lot 15, U.S. Survey 1496. The applicant is Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC). The property is owned by State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
C. Public hearing and consideration of a tideland lease request for municipal tidelands located seaward of 1604 Sawmill Creek Road in the R-1 single-family and duplex residential district. The property is also known as Alaska Tideland Survey 645. The request is filed by Rose Risley and Brian Blankenship. The owner of record is the City and Borough of Sitka.
D. Discussion on a request for an administrative interpretation of community garden for Sitka Tribe of Alaska at the end of Andrew Hope Street.
E. Discussion of zoning code changes for cruise related docks.
VIII. ADJOURNMENT
NOTE: More information on these agenda items can be found at https://sitka.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx or by contacting the Planning Office at 100 Lincoln Street. Individuals having concerns or comments on any item are encouraged to provide written comments to the Planning Office or make comments at the Planning Commission meeting. Written comments may be dropped off at the Planning Office in City Hall or emailed to planning@cityofsitka.org. Those with questions may call (907) 747-1814.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Health Needs and Human Services Commission

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Holley Bayne, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Published: October 10, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE
City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Visit Sitka: Convention & Visitor Services

The City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) will receive statements of qualifications (SOQ) until **3:00 PM AKST on Thursday, November 13, 2025, by electronic submission using bidexpress.com, or by mail or a hard copy delivered to City & Borough of Sitka, Attn: Clerk's Office, 100 Lincoln Street, Sitka, Alaska 99835**.

The City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) is seeking qualified Firms interested in providing professional services as Visit Sitka, the CBS owned brand for destination marketing, destination management, and convention services in relation to the visitor industry in Sitka. All Firms interested in providing any one or more of the Visit Sitka services as listed in the RFQ are highly encouraged to submit an SOQ.

Documents may be downloaded from the web at:
www.cityofsitka.com
(Click on the Bids and RFPs link)

It is the responsibility of respondents to regularly check the website for addenda to the RFQ. Questions can be directed to the Planning and Community Development Director at (907) 747-1814, amy.ainslie@cityofsitka.org
Amy Ainslie, Planning & Community Development Director
Published: October 6, 10, 15, 22, 29, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE
City and Borough Assembly
CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
Meeting Agenda
Assembly Chambers - 330 Harbor Drive
6:00 PM Tuesday, October 14, 2025

REGULAR MEETING
I. CALL TO ORDER
II. FLAG SALUTE
III. RECITAL OF LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
IV. ROLL CALL
V. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES
VI. CEREMONIAL MATTERS
None.
VII. SPECIAL REPORTS: Government to Government, Municipal Boards/Commissions/Committees, Municipal Departments, School District, Students and Guests (five minute time limit)
1) Department Quarterly Reports - Public Works, Harrigan Centennial Hall, and Police
VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD
Public participation on any item off the agenda. All public testimony is not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual, unless the mayor imposes other time constraints at the beginning of the agenda item.
IX. CONSENT AGENDA
All matters under Item IX Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.
A. Approve the minutes of the September 23 Assembly meeting
X. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
See items F and G
XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
B. ORD 25-25 Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2026 (Police Vehicles)
C. Approve the Municipal Clerk's Certificate of Election
D. Recognize outgoing Assembly Member(s) - followed by a short recess
XII. NEW BUSINESS:
E. Oath of Office - Newly Elected Officials
F. Appoint 1) Sophia Schwantes to an unexpired term on the Health Needs and Human Services Commission and Reappoint 1) Jorgen Eliason to a three-year term on the Port and Harbors Commission and 2) Aurora Taylor to a three-year term on the Sustainability Commission
G. Appoint one to a three-year term on the Parks and Recreation Committee: 1) Manoj Battar 2) Mariah Groshek
H. Approve a new liquor license endorsement application for Sitka Golf Association, Inc. dba Sea Mountain Restaurant & 19th Hole at 301 Granite Creek Road
I. Approve the following marijuana license renewal applications: 1) a retail marijuana store license renewal for Weed Dudes Incorporated at 1321 Sawmill Creek Road Suite J & K and 2) a standard marijuana cultivation facility license renewal for Jeremy J. Erickson dba Vern's Wicked Weed at 3872 Halibut Point Road Bay One
J. RES 25-12 Authorizing a 50/50 matching grant application to the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for body-worn cameras (1st and final reading)
K Discussion / Direction / Decision on the City and Borough of Sitka submitting a bid to the State of Alaska to lease a lot at the Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport for paid parking
L. Approve the Cooperative Resource Management Agreement between the City and Borough of Sitka and the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources for recreational areas at Baranof Warm Springs
M. Discussion / Direction / Decision on rescheduling the November 11 regular Assembly meeting and December 9 & 23 Assembly meetings
XIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:
Public participation on any item on or off the agenda. Not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual.
XIV. REPORTS
a. Mayor, b. Administrator, c. Attorney, d. Liaison Representatives, e. Clerk, f. Other
XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Not anticipated.
XVI. ADJOURNMENT
Note: Detailed information on these agenda items can be found on the City website at https://sitka.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx or by contacting the Municipal Clerk's Office at City Hall, 100 Lincoln Street or 907.747.1811. A hard copy of the Assembly packet is available at the Sitka Public Library. Regular and Special Assembly meetings are livestreamed through the City's website and YouTube channel, and aired live on KCAW FM 104.7. To receive Assembly agenda notifications, sign up with GovDelivery on the City website.
Sara Peterson, MMC, Municipal Clerk
Published: October 10, 2025

Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes
Wednesday, October 15, 2025 12:00 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall

Commission Members:
Michelle Kavouras, Crystal Duncan, Amanda Roberts,
Lawrence "Woody" Widmark, Amy Wilson, Sophia Schwantes
JJ Carlson (Assembly Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Kavouras called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and provided a land acknowledgement.

II. ROLL CALL
Commissioners Present: Crystal Duncan, Michelle Kavouras, Woody Widmark, Amy Wilson, Sophia Schwantes (arrived late)
Commissioners Absent: Amanda Roberts, Annette Evans (excused)

III. CORRESPONDENCE /AGENDA CHANGES
No agenda changes.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD *(Public participation on any item off the agenda. All public testimony is not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual, not to exceed 3 minutes)*

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. September 17, 2025

Duncan moved to approve the minutes of September 17, 2025. Motion passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

VI. REPORTS
Chair – Kavouras welcomed new commissioners Wilson and Schwantes.
Commissioners – None.
City Staff – None.
Assembly Liaison – None.
Other(s) – None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
B. Discussion/Decision on amendments to Sitka General Code Chapter 2.30 "Health Needs and Human Services Commission"

Members discussed proposed amendments to SGC 2.30. They agreed to reach out to the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium, Sitkans

Against Family Violence, and the Sitka Homeless Coalition to determine each organization's availability and interest in providing biannual reports to the commission. Once this information is gathered, members will present their findings at the next meeting, at which time the commission will vote on the proposed changes to SGC 2.30.

C. Updates from working groups

None. New members Wilson and Schwantes joined working groups.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

D. Discussion/Decision/Direction on a resolution of the City and Borough of Sitka's petitioning the Alaska State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to issue up to three additional restaurant or eating place licenses under Alaska Statute 04.11.405.

Kavouras summarized the resolution scheduled for the October 28 Assembly agenda and requested member feedback. Carlson provided background information and outlined the process for requesting additional restaurant eating place licenses. Members discussed next steps and expressed interest in obtaining more information. Concerns were raised regarding underage drinking and the lack of consultation with the Health Needs and Human Services Commission, while the Planning Commission and Tourism Commission were consulted. Kavouras encouraged members to attend the October 28 Assembly meeting to share public comments.

IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (*For items on or off the agenda, not to exceed 3 minutes)*

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Member Widmark moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Attest:
Holley Bayne
Deputy Municipal Clerk

DRAFT

Amy Ainslie

From: Sara Peterson
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 4:45 PM
Subject: Public Comment Opportunity: Additional REPLs
Attachments: 2025-11A Addtl REPLs.pdf

Importance: High

Good afternoon,

The City and Borough of Sitka is reaching out to all active license holders in Sitka to inform you of an upcoming opportunity for public comment on Resolution 2025-11A, petitioning the State of Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to issue up to three additional restaurant or eating place licenses (REPLs) under AS 04.11.405 in Sitka. Please feel free to forward this message to other interested parties.

The original resolution (Resolution 2025-11) was reviewed by the Assembly on August 12th, at which time the Assembly voted to lower the request from six additional licenses to three, and also requested that additional public comment and review take place by the Planning Commission prior to the Assembly considering the amended resolution again at its October 28th meeting.

The Planning Commission reviewed and took public comment on Resolution 2025-11A at their October 1st meeting. The Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the amended resolution, noting that the population numbers shown supported the petition, and that additional REPLs could support local economic growth of year-round restaurants in particular. There was discussion regarding potential public health/safety impacts, and while there was concern about alcohol use/misuse in Sitka overall, did not find that REPLs in particular were a significant source of alcohol-related public health concerns. The Planning Commission did request that the Assembly ask the ABC Board to give deference to REPL applicants who own established, year-round businesses in the case of mutually exclusive applications (i.e. competing applications in which there are more applicants for the additional licenses than the number of licenses available).

The Assembly will consider the amended resolution and take public comment at their regular meeting on **Tuesday, October 28th, beginning at 6:00 PM** at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

Meeting Time & Location
📍 *Harrigan Centennial Hall – 330 Harbor Drive, Room 6*
🕐 6*:00 p.m.*

Public Comment Options
• Attend in person
• Testify via telephone – register with the Municipal Clerk's Office by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 27**, by emailing clerk@cityofsitka.org or calling 907-747-1826
• Submit written comments to clerk@cityofsitka.org

Meeting Packet
Available online by **end of day on October 24**:
📎 https://sitka.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

Please feel free to contact the Municipal Clerk's Office (clerk@cityofsitka.org) with any questions you may have.

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Municipal Clerk, MMC
City and Borough of Sitka

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C.N.A. CARE Coordinator Technician, SEARHC-Sitka Long Term Care. M-F 8-5, Full-Time, $25-$29/hr DOE. Current C.N.A. license, valid Driver's License, Office skills. Apply at https://searhc.org/careers/

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Notice to Creditors
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MOVING/GARAGE SALE

Saturday 8am-10am. 2701 Halibut Point Road. Multi-family sale with furniture, baby items; kids', women's regular and plus, and men's clothing, home decor, kitchen items, bedding, costumes, Christmas and wedding decor, American Girl, misc. toys, and lots more!

SITKA HOMELESS Coalition is hiring! Services Coordinator, $22–25/hr+health stipend & generous leave, DOE. Hitx'i Saani Caretaker, housing+monthly stipend. Join our community-rooted nonprofit supporting safe, supportive housing in Sitka. Details at sheltersitka.org.

Announcements

HEALTH FORUM. Are you or a loved one affected by cancer? You are invited to stream our annual Community Health Forum on 10/25, 11:30am-1 pm. Dr. Prakash Vishnu of Bartlett Medical Oncology will speak about the "State of the Art of Oncology Care." Stream on Facebook Live at http://www.facebook.com/cancer.connection.ak.
For information, contact Cancer Connection, (907)796-2273 or admin@cancerconnectionak.org.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
BIHA 5-Year Strategic Plan (Update)
Baranof Island Housing Authority (BIHA) is requesting written proposals from qualified individuals and firms to assist in updating its five-year strategic plan. This plan will guide BIHA in the future development of affordable housing projects and programs and housing related activities that are consistent with BIHA's mission and its role as a Tribally Designated Housing Entity. Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. (AKT) on Wednesday, November 26, 2025 and should be emailed to info@bihasitka.org
The scope of work will be finalized with the selected party but will at a minimum include working with BIHA staff and board members to review the organization's vision and goals and to identify priority projects and programs based on recent needs assessments undertaken by BIHA and others. The successful individual or firm will also produce a final 5-year plan for use with stakeholders and members of the public, and an implementation strategy to guide BIHA staff and its Board of Commissioners. Additional contract amendments to update the plan and strategy on an annual basis may be negotiated upon the satisfactory completion of the 5-year planning documents.
Complete proposal packages, including selection criteria, may be requested by telephone at 1-866-962-6835 (toll free) during business hours or at the email listed above.
An award of this contract is subject to Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination & Education Assistance Act.
BIHA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for this work and to waive any informalities in the procurement process that are in the best interest of BIHA.
PUBLISH: October 22, 24, 27, 29 & 31, 2025

Sitka Whalefest Fun Run Slated

The annual WhaleFest Run will be 9 a.m. on Nov. 8.

Participants can choose from a 5K run, 10K run, or 2-mile walk that begins and ends at Whale Park, 2500 Sawmill Creek Rd. Join the crowd, rain or shine, and watch for whales along the course.

Light snacks and water will be provided at the finish line.

Entry is $5 for individuals, $20 for a family of five or more, and $25 with 2025 WhaleFest merchandise included. Purchase tickets on the Sitka Whalefest website.

Registration also will be available in person at the WhaleFest registration table on the morning of the race.

Call Given for SJ Museum Speakers Series Participants

A call for applications for the Spring Share Your Culture/Share Your Research Speaker Series lineup has been given by Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum and Sheldon Jackson Museum.

The series includes a combination of in-person and virtual events between February and April.

Speakers are selected from a pool of applicants who applied to share a 50- to 60-minute Zoom. Presentations could include a story or stories, a dance or dances, recipes or a cooking demonstration, an artist demonstration, a talk on one's art form, culture or relevant subject, or a talk on research for publications, higher education, professional interest or work for a tribe, village or Native corporation.

Local applicants can make their presentations on Zoom and simultaneously in-person at the museum. Recordings of presentations are posted to the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum YouTube channel.

Applications are at www.friendsofsjm.com. For questions about the application or series, email Jacqueline.fernandez-hamberg@alaska.gov or call 907 747-8981.

Except for holidays, the Sheldon Jackson Museum is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. General admission is $7, $6 for seniors and free for ages 18 and under and for active military and their families. Admission is waived during the in-person spring speaker series public programs and Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum Annual Meeting.

Energy Assist Is Available

Low Income Home Energy Assistance is available for income-eligible American Indian/Alaska Natives residing in Sitka.

It includes heat assistance for vendors such as utilities, fuel, or heat that may be included in the rent amount. Eligibility depends on household income size.

Contact jade.nodes@sitkatribe-nsn.gov or call 907-747-7245 for more information. Applications available at 204 Siginaka Way or the Sitka Tribe of Alaska website.

Fall Story Time Schedule Given

During the fall months, Sitka Public Library's preschool story time will be offered 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11 and 18 at the library's multipurpose room.

The program includes readings, rhymes, songs and a craft project. It is open to the public.

For information call 907 747-4020.

Salty Spokes Open Saturday

The Salty Spoke community bike cooperative is open 11 a.m.-2 p.m .every Saturday at 4 Lincoln Street.

Community members can sign up to receive guidance from volunteers, and have a space and tool wall to fix and maintain their own bikes.

A selection of used bikes are available for sale as well.

For more information go to www.saltyspoke.com or email thesaltyspoke@gmail.com.

Sportsmen Plan Turkey Shoot

Sitka Sportsman's Association's annual Turkey Shoot will be held 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at 5211 Halibut Point Road.

The longtime family event includes outdoor shotgun trap and skeet, plus the indoor .22 pistol and rifle shoot.

No experience is necessary. It is open to the public.

The cost of a round of trap or skeet is $20, and $5 per indoor .22 event. Both fees include ammunition.

If needed, loaner shotguns and pistols are available for use at no charge.

There is a limit of one turkey per winning shooter. Trap and skeet winners can opt for a one second round coupon. Lunch will be available for $5 each.

For more information, call or text Tess at 206 305-7584.

New Moon Sound Journey at Library

Sitka Public Library will offer a free new moon sound bath program 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20.

Led by sound healing practitioner Laura Humphreys, participants will set intentions, relax, and restore with the healing power of sound, the library said.

Space is limited, and registration is required. Participants can take yoga mats/blankets/pillows for comfort. To sign up, call the library at 907 747-4020 and for information, email margot.oconnell@cityofsitka.org.

Applicants Sought For Teen Group

Teens wanting to help build an "empowering and healthy community" are being encouraged to join the Sitka Youth Leadership Committee or the group's Peer Education team.

SYLC members start community conversations about issues that are important to teens, such as mental health and equity. Peer educators receive training and offer presentations promoting healthy relationships to students in all of Sitka's schools.

To ensure SYLC is representative of the community, it strives to include a diversity of voices in the group and aims for a balance of students from all area high schools and the middle school.

"We welcome any applicants who are passionate about improving Sitka's community and being leaders, and reserve space for local Sitkans who are interested in this opportunity,'' SYLC said in a news release.

Applications and information can be found at sitkayouthleadership.com, or by contacting the SYLC intern at 907 623-2211 or sylcintern@gmail.com.

Mariner's First Aid, CPR Class Slated

AMSEA is conducting a Mariner's First Aid and CPR/AED class 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 16, at NSRAA, 1308 Sawmill Creek Road.

Attendees will receive the U.S. Coast Guard-accepted two-year first aid and CPR certification from the American Safety and Health Institute.

Registration is online at www.amsea.org or call (907) 747-3287.

This class will cover CPR and automatic external defibrillators; treatment of choking; medical emergencies; trauma; environmental hazards; patient assessment; medical communications; drowning and hypothermia; and common fishing injuries.

Registration Open For 'Skiff Safety'

Alaska Marine Safety Education Association will offer a "Skiff Safety'' course 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 15 at NSRAA, 1308 Sawmill Creek Road.

Boaters may register and pay the $150 fee online at www.amsea.org or call (907) 747-3287.

Participants will gain knowledge and skills in and around marine safety in the hands-on course. Trip planning, use of emergency signals, and learning vessel rules, and how to turn them into a learning game, are taught.

The class will cover trip planning, weather and risk assessment, distress signals and mayday calls, personal flotation devices, cold-water survival skills, person overboard recovery, the seven steps to survival, basic shore survival, engine breakdowns, and navigation skills.

ADF&G Advisory Committee Meets

Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee will hold a hybrid election meeting 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, at at NSRAA and on Zoom.

Agenda items include: election of member seats for shellfish, hand troll, subsistence, hunting, seine, at-large and alternate; discussion of Board of Game proposals 1-5, 8-18, 19-25, 57, 64, 65; and Board of Fisheries proposals 162-165, 170, 172-184.

Meetings are open to the public. All residents of the area who attend the meeting and are of legal voting age may make nominations and vote on committee membership.

Join by Zoom at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85820333193?pwd=22dfdbugMEdtguGbhoiJJPoQqlLuQk.1; Passcode: sitka; Meeting ID 858 2033 3193.

Join by phone at 253-215-8782.

For further information contact Annie Bartholomew at ADFG Boards Support, annie.bartholomew@alaska.gov or John Murray, vice chair, jmfish3@gmail.com. To be added to the electronic email notices for Sitka AC Meetings, send an email to Bartholomew.

Participants Sought For Fall Art Walk

Th Fall Art Walk will be held 4-7 p.m. Nov. 22, sponsored by the Greater Sitka Arts Council.

To participate as an artist or musician, sign up at: https://www.sitkaartscouncil.org/art-walks

Downtown businesses wanting to participate by hosting an artist or musician can follow the same link or contact Bette Gray at betteedwards001@gmail.com with any questions or for more information.

Cribbage Players Gather on Sundays

Social cribbage enthusiasts gather at Harbor Mountain Brewing 5 p.m. Sundays. All skill levels, including those who are new and wanting to learn, are welcome to attend.

It is open to the community and is a casual, no-host, social group. No RSVP is necessary; drop-ins are welcome.

For information, see the Facebook page for the social group "Cribbage at Harbor Mountain Brewing."

SODA FOUNTAIN TIPS – Baranof Barracudas Coach Skylar Moore, left, and swimmers Alienna Brecke and Quinn Mahoskey receive a check for $300 from Aliena Brecke of Harry's Old-Fashioned Soda Shop at Harry Race Pharmacy, far right. Money is raised from tips given to the soda shop and given to Sitka nonprofit organizations. (Photo provided)

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The draft plan and other documents can be found at https://www.cityofsitka.com/departments/ParksRecreation For information, contact Parks and Recreation at recreation@cityofsitka.org or 907 747-4031.

Quilters Meet

Ocean Wave Quilters will meet 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the United Methodist Church.

Monthly meetings, September through June, are open to all, members or not. Those wishing to pay the $25 dues receive a monthly newsletter, discounts on classes and other benefits.

Non-members wishing to receive the newsletter or more information may call president Megan Pasternak at 907 738-2290.

Kayaani Panel To Elect Seat

The Kayaaní Commission at its 6:30 p.m. Oct. 27 meeting will elect its at-large seat for a three-year term.

The commission meets in the 1st floor boardroom, 204 Siginaka Way.

Nominees must reside in Sitka and have knowledge of local plants. Sitka Tribal citizenship is not required for the at-large seat.

Nominations may be made by contacting the Kayaaní Commission Coordinator, Sienna Reid, at sienna.reid@sitkatribe-nsn.gov or in person/online at the meeting. All in attendance at the meeting (in person or on Zoom) may vote.

The Zoom link is https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88624216884?pwd=czqN8qTuZmMG4NJPVRTIbrYiV3QaIN.1

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Vice Deputy Mayor JJ Carlson,
Kevin Mosher, Scott Saline,
Thor Christianson, Katie Riley

Municipal Administrator: John Leach
Municipal Attorney: Rachel Jones
Municipal Clerk: Sara Peterson

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. RECITAL OF LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

IV. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Christianson, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Pike, Carlson, Saline, and Riley

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

No agenda changes.

25-155 Reminders, Calendars, and General Correspondence

VI. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

25-147 Proclamation - Recognizing Native American Heritage Month
Service Awards - Annette Evans and Michael Reif

Mayor Eisenbeisz read a proclamation recognizing Native American Heritage Month and recognized Annette Evans and Michael Reif for their service on boards and commissions.

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3) Department Quarterly Reports - Fire, Library, Electric

Sitka Tribal Chairwoman Yeidikook'áa reported on Sitka Tribe of Alaska activities and Sitka School Board President Phil Burdick provided an update. Quarterly reports were given by Assistant Fire Chief David Johnson, Library Director Jess Ieremia, and Utility Director Ron Vinson.

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Sitka Sound Science Center Executive Director Arleigh Reynolds warned of upcoming weather and announced Whalefest activities. Jace Hay voiced concern of protests at the roundabout.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mosher that the Consent Agenda consisting of item A be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Christianson, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Pike, Carlson, Saline, and Riley

A 25-150 Approve the minutes of the October 14 Assembly meeting

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

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A motion was made by Christianson that this Item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Christianson, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Pike, Carlson, Saline, and Riley

C 25-152 Appoint one to an unexpired term on the Planning Commission: 1) Lawrence (Larry) Edwards 2) Jacqueline Foss 3) James Poulson 4) Gail Roderick

Lawrence Edwards, Jacqueline Foss, James Poulson, and Gail Roderick were nominated. Lesa Way expressed support for Roderick. Applicants explained why they wished to serve. The Municipal Clerk reminded that to be appointed an applicant needed to receive at least four votes.

A round of voting ensued: Edwards (2), Foss (2), Poulson (2), Roderick (2).
A second round of voting occurred: Foss (5) and Roderick (2)

Foss received five votes and was appointed.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

D RES 25-11A 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 (postponed at the August 12 meeting)

Sponsors Christianson and Carlson provided opening comments and noted the item had been reviewed by the Planning and Tourism Commissions.

Luke Bruckert, Renee Trafton, Emma Spies, Dave Stallon, Claude McEwen, Peter Vu, Tristan Burlingame, Cedar Pook, Josh Johnson, Charlie Jordan, Vicki McFadden, Ed McFadden, Royal Henderson, Dane McFadden, Dan Evans, Chance Grey, Adora Dumag, Kate Estrada, Mariah Evans, Chris Ystad, Drew Wilson, Lesa Way, Christian Litten, and Cambria Holmes spoke in support. Michelle Kavouras spoke in opposition.

A discussion of the Assembly ensued. Members noted that the request for three additional licenses represented a compromise between the original request for four and the Tourism Commission's recommendation of six. The Planning Commission's recommendation was discussed, and some concern was expressed about the use of seasonal visitor numbers. It was also noted that the request was not related to a specific business, and some members expressed concern regarding youth exposure to alcohol.

A motion was made by Carlson to AMEND Resolution 2025-11A by replacing lines 24-26 with the following: "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". The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Carlson, Riley, Saline, Eisenbeisz, Pike, and Christianson

No: 1 - Mosher

A motion was made by Christianson to AMEND Resolution 2025-11A by adding the following beginning on line 52: "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."

The Assembly discussed the primary amendment.

A motion was made by Riley to AMEND the primary amendment by inserting the words "in the event the Alaska State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board decides to grant this petition request." The secondary amendment PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 4 - Riley, Christianson, Saline, and Carlson

No: 3 - Mosher, Pike, and Eisenbeisz

Cambria Holmes commented on the primary amendmet.

A vote was then taken on the primary amendment. The primary amendment PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 4 - Saline, Carlson, Christianson, and Riley

No: 3 - Pike, Mosher, and Eisenbeisz

A motion was made by Christianson that this Resolution be APPROVED on FIRST AND FINAL READING AS AMENDED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Eisenbeisz, Pike, Carlson, Saline, and Riley

No: 1 - Mosher

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

E 25-153 Adopt the 2026 Commercial Recreational Land Use Plan

Parks and Recreation Manager Kevin Knox provided an introduction and summarized highlights of changes to the plan, efforts to review and strengthen the plan, the fee structure, and asset profile updates.

Assembly Member Christianson disclosed his family owned property at Goddard. Mayor Eisenbeisz ruled there was no direct conflict.

Ben Hughey spoke in support. John Dunlap, Bethany Lowrance, Michael Graney spoke in opposition. Robin Sherman and Rob Allen commented.

The Assembly discussed components of the plan. Some members expressed support and described it as a good starting point. Riley wondered about enforcement. Planning & Community Development Director Amy Ainslie noted enforcement was primarily complaint based due to limited staff resources. Knox explained revisions could occur at the discretion of the Parks & Recreation Committee.

A motion was made by Christianson that this Item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Christianson, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Pike, Carlson, Saline, and Riley

F 25-154 Assignments: Deputy Mayor, Vice-Deputy Mayor, and Assembly Liaisons

Christianson and Pike were nominated for Deputy Mayor. A vote was taken. Christianson received 2 votes and Pike received 5. Pike was appointed Deputy Mayor. Carlson was nominated for Vice Deputy Mayor. Hearing no other nominations, Carlson was appointed.

The following board/commission/committee liaison appointments were made:

Gary Paxton Industrial Park - Christianson / Mosher
Health Needs and Human Services - Carlson / Riley
Historic Preservation - Saline / Carlson
Investment - Mosher / Christianson
Library - Saline / Pike
Local Emergency Planning - Riley / Mosher
Parks & Recreation - Mosher / Christianson
Planning & Zoning - Riley / Christianson
Police & Fire - Pike / Eisenbeisz
Port & Harbors - Carlson / Eisenbeisz
Sustainability - Pike / Mosher
Tourism - Saline / Christianson
Tree & Landscape - Saline / Pike
SEDA - Eisenbeisz / Christianson
Sitka Tribe of Alaska - Eisenbeisz / Pike
School Board - Mosher / Pike

XIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None.

XIV. REPORTS

a. Mayor, b. Administrator, c. Attorney, d. Liaison Representatives, e. Clerk, f. Other

Mayor - Eisenbeisz summarized the Japan trip and ATIA conference.

Administrator - Leach reported on Southeast Conference, the Japan trip, and announced his trip to ICMA had been cancelled due to travel delays.

Liaison Representatives - Pike reported on the Police & Fire Commission meeting.

Clerk - Peterson provided an update on board/commission vacancies and reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mosher to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 10:25 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

October 1, 2025

Mayor and Members of the Sitka Assembly
City and Borough of Sitka
Sitka, Alaska

Re: Opposition to Expansion of Liquor Licenses in Sitka

Dear Mayor and Assembly Members,

On behalf of The Alliance, a statewide coalition of over 200 community organizations and individuals committed to advancing prevention of the harms of alcohol use and promoting wellness across Alaska, I am writing to express strong opposition to expanding the number of Restaurant/Eating Place Licenses (REPLs) in Sitka.

Alaska Statute Title 4, AS 04.11.405, intentionally sets population-based limits on alcohol licenses. These limits are not arbitrary; they are carefully designed public health safeguards to protect the wellbeing of Alaskans. Expanding liquor licenses beyond these statutory quotas risks undermining community health and safety for the sake of short-term economic gain.

Alcohol already plays a significant role in the harms our communities face. In Sitka and across Alaska, these impacts are clear:

- **Youth Risk:** Local and statewide surveys show alcohol remains one of the top substances used by youth, with roughly one-third of Alaska high school students reporting recent use. Increased availability—especially in family-oriented venues—normalizes alcohol for young people and undermines ongoing prevention efforts.
- **Health Impacts:** Alcohol misuse is directly linked to liver disease, cancers, heart problems, depression, suicide, and injuries. Alaska continues to experience these disproportionate harms, straining individuals, families, and systems of care.
- **Community Costs:** Increased alcohol availability results in higher demand on law enforcement, healthcare, and social services. These costs are borne by the community as a whole.
- **Conflict with Statewide Goals:** The proposed expansion runs counter to *Healthy Alaskans 2030* objectives, which prioritize reducing youth and adult binge drinking and lowering alcohol-related injury deaths.

By petitioning the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to expand licenses, the Assembly would be bypassing important safeguards designed to prevent exactly these outcomes. While expansion may serve the economic interests of a few, it does so at the expense of the broader public good.

We urge the Assembly to reconsider this request and to pursue approaches that strengthen, rather than weaken, community health and safety. Sitka has invested years of effort into prevention and youth wellness, and these efforts should be reinforced—not undermined—by local policy decisions.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this issue. The Alliance stands ready to support the Assembly in advancing healthier strategies that balance economic development with the long-term wellbeing of the Sitka community.

Sincerely,

Tesia Bobrycki

Tesia Bobrycki

Alliance Coordinator

www.alaska-alliance.org

Sara Peterson

From: Phyllis Hackett <hackett.phyllis@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 4, 2025 4:26 PM
To: assembly
Subject: ABC Board

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Hello Assembly Members,

Regarding the issue of requesting more liquor licenses from the ABC board, I am writing to ask you to think very carefully about this. Trying to "level the field", as was mentioned by a couple of Assembly members at the meeting, can be a very slippery slope indeed. In my estimation it is nearly impossible to gauge the benefits or losses of dollar value over length of time accurately. If an attempt were to be made to actually do that the likelihood of future issues requesting the same "leveling of the field" is high and again a nearly impossible feat.
The cause of this situation rests on the ABC board making these permits transferable in the beginning. They have become a commodity in Sitka and holders can ask any amount they'd like. It is wrong and unfair in every way.
We need to encourage new, local, year round young family businesses! We need to help make the path easier for them to walk and not put up road blocks to their success, and even perhaps incentivize those planning to remain open year round!

Please, please help Sitka thrive year round and keep young family, year round business startups an option for those brave enough to accept that challenge.

Perhaps you could consider only offering permits to those with a plan to operate year round.

If you choose to vote against this request to the ABC board realize that you are creating a situation where only the wealthy will be able to operate a new restaurant wanting to serve Beer or Wine to their clientele, another slippery downward slope.

Thank you for your consideration and all you do for our wonderful community

Phyllis Hackett
907-738-1991

Sent from my iPhone
Sent from my iPhone

Sara Peterson

From: Maury Hackett <mauryhackett@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 12:12 PM
To: Assembly & Department Heads
Subject: In Support of Additional REPLs

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Hello,

I'm writing in support of allowing more Restaurant Eating Place Licenses in Sitka. It's important that we continue creating spaces where year-round residents can gather and enjoy time together.

Campfire Kitchen's plan for a full-service restaurant at the movie theater would be a great addition downtown. Offering beer and wine would only help make it a welcoming spot for more people. I envision being able to have an extended dinner with friends while our kids watch a movie or play arcades across the street or have dinner and watch a movie as a family- truly family friendly experiences.

Please vote **yes** on additional REPLs to support a vibrant, year-round community in Sitka.

Thank you,

Maury

Sara Peterson

From: Marsh Skeele <marsh@sitkaseafoodmarket.com>
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 12:20 PM
To: Assembly & Department Heads
Subject: Restaurant eating place licenses

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Dear assembly,

It would be a benefit to our community if there were more year round Restaurant Eating Place Licenses that allow new businesses to serve beer and wine. Please consider voting to add more of these licenses to help Sitka's restaurant industry.
Thank you,

Marsh Skeele

Sent from my iPhone

Sara Peterson

From: Cathryn Klusmeier <cathrynklusmeier@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 12:54 PM
To: Assembly & Department Heads
Subject: In Support of Adding More REPLs

> Some people who received this message don't often get email from cathrynklusmeier@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Hello!

My name is Cathryn Klusmeier and I am a Sitkan who is writing to support adding more Restaurant Eating Place Licenses (REPLs) to the city of Sitka! I am deeply interested in supporting local business here in Sitka, and I'm really confused as to why it isn't easier for local businesses to get these beer and wine licenses in the first place. In my mind, we as a city should be doing everything we can to support these year-round restaurants, not putting more barriers in place. I wholeheartedly support adding more REPLS to Sitka to support our local restaurants!

Thank you,
Cathryn Klusmeier

Sara Peterson

From: Jacob Metzger <jacob.ryan.metzger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 2:04 PM
To: Assembly & Department Heads
Subject: In support of adding more Restaurant Eating Place Licenses

> Some people who received this message don't often get email from jacob.ryan.metzger@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Dear City of Sitka Assembly Members,

I am writing to express my support for adding more Restaurant Eating Place Licenses (REPLs) in the City of Sitka. I believe that issuing more REPLs would help Sitka's year-round restaurants survive and thrive. Allowing restaurants to serve beer and wine with meals will boost revenue and open the door for local, full-service restaurants to grow, and create jobs. Enhancing our city for residents and visitors. So, again, I support adding of REPLs for the benefit our City's restaurant industry and overall livability.

Thank you,
Jacob Metzger

Amy Ainslie

From: Eva Fish <evafish3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 9:46 PM
To: Assembly & Department Heads
Subject: REPLs

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Hello,

I am writing to express my support for adding more Restaurant Eating Place Licenses. Due to there being very limited restaurant availability with beer and wine service, I believe this would allow more of our year-round local restaurants to expand their offerings and ability to remain open through the winter months.I do not believe that this would hurt current businesses that hold beer/wine licenses as they already have established and thriving businesses and there is always more demand for a variety of places to eat and drink in town. In addition, our restaurant and food offerings continue to grow, particularly in the summer with a large increase in visitors, and so it feels only right that the offering of beer and wine be allowed to increase proportionally. I hope that you will please consider this when voting on the addition of more REPLs for the city of Sitka.

Best,

Eva

Amy Ainslie

From: Sara Peterson
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 11:46 AM
To: Amy Ainslie
Subject: FW: In Support of Adding more REPLs

From: JJ Carlson <assemblycarlson@cityofsitka.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 11:38 AM
To: Sara Peterson <sara.peterson@cityofsitka.org>
Subject: Fw: In Support of Adding more REPLs

Hi Sara,
For the record.

Thank you,
JJ

JJ Carlson
Assembly Member
Vice Deputy Mayor
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assemblycarlson@cityofsitka.org

From: Andrew Jylkka <amjylkka787@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 9:27:43 PM
To: assembly <assembly@cityofsitka.org>
Subject: In Support of Adding more REPLs

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Hello,

My name is Andrew Jylkka and I'm a citizen of Sitka. I'm writing in support of adding more Restaurant Eating Place Licenses (REPLs). I've worked in and around the food industry for most of my adult life. Due to all the costs of running a restaurant, it is incredibly difficult to break even without beer and wine sales. I constantly hear and see people complaining about the price of eating out in Sitka, and allowing more restaurants to offset rising food prices with beer and wine sales is an easy way to help more of our food establishments succeed.

Additionally, beer and wine are much easier to monitor and control than hard liquor. I'd love to know the SPD statistics on disorderly conduct calls to the brewery or other beer/wine only establishments as compared to the bars and other restaurants with a full alcohol complement.

Petitioning for additional REPLs is an easy and low cost way for the city to support businesses and increase tax revenue.

I hope you'll take this into consideration.

Thank you,
Andrew Jylkka
503 O Cain Ave B,
Sitka, AK 99835

Amy Ainslie

From: Sara Peterson
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 9:57 AM
To: Amy Ainslie
Subject: FW: Support of increased REPLs

Sara Peterson
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From: JJ Carlson <assemblycarlson@cityofsitka.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 9:48 AM
To: Sara Peterson <sara.peterson@cityofsitka.org>
Subject: Fw: Support of increased REPLs

FYI for the record

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From: Luke Johnson <luke@lukej.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 7:51:04 AM
To: assembly <assembly@cityofsitka.org>
Subject: Support of increased REPLs

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Just a simple note that I'm in favor of increasing the REPL limit within Sitka. I have no personal affiliation with any business in town that serves alcohol, other than being a patron of nearly any and all of them.

As always, contrasting Alaska with any other state, it seems like we are in the minority with some restrictive regulation. Observationally, in many other states you can buy beer/wine at nearly every

restaurant, sometimes even at fast food (e.g. Qdoba in SEATAC). I'd think you'd be hard pressed to say that these types of locations are attempting to become 'bars', or are somehow promoting vice to a new level.

(A completely personal opinion: To some degree I think Alaska is still burdened with this 'frontier state' mentality, and has regulation aimed at curbing out-of-date fears, like hordes of drunken miners/fishermen/loggers from stumbling up and down the streets. I truly think times have changed. Locals and visitors just want to have a beer with dinner or lunch, quasi-european. We are not going to need a paddywagon to drive around and haul dozens to the drunk tank every day.)

Likewise, I have some small sympathy for the businesses that have for many years struggled to keep or fought to get access to either a REPL or a full liquor license, and now see the potential for expansion as a threat. However, I don't think 'wrongs of the past' or keeping regulations status quo to ensure that incumbents are protected is a justification for no action or improving the situation. The city needs to consider how to help all businesses thrive, and clearly there are many restaurants that have expressed they feel their business (especially in light of our tourism population) would benefit from a REPL.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sara Peterson

From: Tim Holder <timbo5929@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 3:53 PM
To: Sara Peterson
Subject: Re: Public Comment Opportunity: Additional REPLs

Hello

This is Tim Holder owner of the Nugget Restaurant in Sitka
I just wanted to let it be known I support the request to grant additional alcohol licenses in Sitka.

Tim Holder

On Oct 20, 2025 at 4:45 PM, <Sara Peterson> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The City and Borough of Sitka is reaching out to all active license holders in Sitka to inform you of an upcoming opportunity for public comment on Resolution 2025-11A, petitioning the State of Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to issue up to three additional restaurant or eating place licenses (REPLs) under AS 04.11.405 in Sitka. Please feel free to forward this message to other interested parties.

The original resolution (Resolution 2025-11) was reviewed by the Assembly on August 12th, at which time the Assembly voted to lower the request from six additional licenses to three, and also requested that additional public comment and review take place by the Planning Commission prior to the Assembly considering the amended resolution again at its October 28th meeting.

The Planning Commission reviewed and took public comment on Resolution 2025-11A at their October 1st meeting. The Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the amended resolution, noting that the population numbers shown supported the petition, and that additional REPLs could support local economic growth of year-round restaurants in particular. There was discussion regarding potential public health/safety impacts, and while there was concern about alcohol use/misuse in Sitka overall, did not find that REPLs in particular were a significant source of alcohol-related public health concerns. The Planning Commission did request that the Assembly ask the ABC Board to give deference to REPL applicants who own established, year-round businesses in the case of mutually exclusive applications (i.e. competing applications in which there are more applicants for the additional licenses than the number of licenses available).

The Assembly will consider the amended resolution and take public comment at their regular meeting on **Tuesday, October 28th, beginning at 6:00 PM** at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

Meeting Time & Location
Harrigan Centennial Hall – 330 Harbor Drive, Room 6
6:00 p.m.

Public Comment Options

- Attend in person
- Testify via telephone – register with the Municipal Clerk's Office by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 27**, by emailing clerk@cityofsitka.org or calling 907-747-1826
- Submit written comments to clerk@cityofsitka.org

Meeting Packet

Available online by **end of day on October 24**:

https://sitka.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

Please feel free to contact the Municipal Clerk's Office (clerk@cityofsitka.org) with any questions you may have.

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Sara Peterson

From: JJ Carlson
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2025 9:39 AM
To: Sara Peterson
Subject: Fw: REPL Support

Hi Sara,
FYI

JJ Carlson
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From: Hannah Cummiskey <hannah.cummiskey@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 4:08:35 PM
To: assembly <assembly@cityofsitka.org>
Subject: REPL Support

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Hello,

My name is Hannah and I am a Sitka resident. I support the city adding more Restaurant Eating Place Licenses to allow restaurants to serve beer and wine with meals. This will help our local restaurants keep business and thrive, especially during the Winter months.

Thank you for your consideration,

Hannah Jylkka

Amy Ainslie

From: Candi <candi@alaskan.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:42 PM
To: assembly
Subject: IMPORTANT 10-28-25 MEETING

Importance: High

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DEAR ASSEMBLY MEMBERS..
Apologize for this being late in getting to you folks.

Am writing this because as a long time Sitka resident and working with my parents and other liquor license holders when purchasing and sold their licenses in the Sitka market.
Yes I know times have changed but why would we allow this to happen to our community.
Many buyers of existing licenses paid premium prices for them plus there were limits on how many that were allowed in Sitka.

I do not support the city seeking more REPL.

We are at capacity right now, and what is the assurance our young folks will have the option of visiting these establishments.
Our bread and butter are the folks that live in Sitka as my dad used to drill into me. We need to take care of the community members, we have to look out for them.
The tourists are on vacation, visiting our City and I am thank for that… but we should not focus everything on only seasonal visitors.
There is no guarantee any new licenses applied for would be issued by the ABC Board.
Can't take them back, can't return them!!

We have invested businesses in this hometown of ours, we welcome newcomers opening businesses but lets not make new rules that would upset the apple cart.

Thank you,

Candi Barger
(resident of Sitka only)

907-738-1305

Amy Ainslie

From: Patricia MacPike <sitkacharr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 1:32 PM
To: assembly
Subject: REPL

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Dear Assembly Members,
Please refer to the statute set below.

It is my understanding that even using the 665,000 visitors and dividing that by the 182 we would be eligible for two seasonal licenses. We are already over licensed both on the permanent licenses and the seasonal.

The statutes are set to protect public interest and help communities find economic balance and sustainability. Adding more licenses with our small year-round population will strain our existing businesses. There is a breaking point at which too much competition does no favors to any business, folks will lose jobs due to closures and sales tax will decrease.

Additionally, as a community that supports its youth, even to the point that we have Ballot Proposition 1 where we will invest millions in their health, what kind of mixed message would we be sending the youth by allowing for more liquor licenses? We need to have options for our youth as well.

Restaurants that sell alcohol cannot sell food to youth under 16 without a parent present. Likewise, a 16 or 17 year old can't be in a restaurant that has entertainment without buying food. As we have many student visitors in our town during the winter months, as a community, we should make sure we have a variety of options available. After all these visitors collectively spend more time in our town and with more frequency. Example- a Freshman basketball player will come no less that four times not including tournaments. This is more time than one tourist for six hours.

As community members appointed to plan for our future, I respectfully ask you to find that we already have plenty of REPL's in our community and do not need to add additional licenses.

Sincerely,

Stan Filler,
President
Sitka CHARR

AAC 305.305. Seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism license. (a) Subject to the limitations of licenses as set out under 3 AAC 305.900, the board may approve an application for a seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism license under AS 04.09.360. The board may approve an application for the transfer of ownership of a seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism license to a person who files a license application under AS 04.11.260, if the applicant's licensed premises qualify as a bona fide restaurant or eating place under the sole control of the applicant and is
(1) located in a municipality or established village that has a population of 40,000 or less; and
(2) receives more than 4,000 visitors a year as determined under 3 AAC 305.910.
(b) The holder of a seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism license may provide

entertainment as set out and identified in AS 04.09.360. (Eff. 1/1/2024, Register 248)
3 AAC 305.310. Determining available seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism licenses. (a) The board will not issue seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism licenses in municipalities or established villages that qualify for this license type if the issuance results in more than one seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism license per 1,500 visitors per visitor day.
(b) Visitor count or fraction of visitor per visitor day is calculated by dividing the total annual visitor count as set out under 3 AAC 305.910 by 182.
(c) The board may further limit the available seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism licenses upon application if the number of restaurant and eating place licenses issued under AS 04.09.210 exceed the restaurant and eating place licenses permissible under AS 04.11.400(a), or as public interest requires. (Eff. 1/1/2024, Register 248)

Amy Ainslie

From: Cooper Harden <redherringalaska@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 9:37 AM
To: Assembly & Administrator
Subject: Public commentary for tonight's meeting (liquor licenses)

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To all whom it may concern,

My name is Cooper Harden and I've spent the last 5 years working in Sitka's food and beverage industry, the first two as a chef at Ludvig's, the next three as co-owner of Red Herring.

Unfortunately I can't be at the meeting tonight as I'm currently visiting extended family in Europe, however, I felt compelled to take some time to briefly write in after closely following the issue of these 6 liquor licenses. I have no plans or desires to pursue one of said licenses, so I figure as a business owner involved in the field, but without any stake in the debate I can provide an opinion as unbiased as possible in this small, interconnected town.

In my opinion the majority of arguments we've heard so far against opening up said licenses are more rooted in self interest than considering what's best for the community at large. Isn't the main point in favor of a free market economy that competition results in a better overall product for the consumer? If someone pays a million dollars for a house they can't afford, that isn't a legitimate argument against building more affordable housing. If a business model relies on stifling competition in a growing market to succeed, is it the local governments job to abet them with a near monopoly?

It's pretty obvious (with plenty of available data to back this up) that for a myriad of reasons it's getting more and more difficult for young people and families to survive here. I also believe that we can all agree that new businesses like Wildflour and Campfire have been beneficial additions to the quality of life and industry in our community, owned by and employing dozens of young Sitkans year-round. It's a well known fact in the business that most restaurants make the vast majority of their (slim) profit margins off of beverage sales. Therefore, it doesn't seem like too much of an extrapolation to state that opening up a few more liquor licenses in this era of massively increased tourism in Sitka is a viable pathway to more vibrant, delicious and younger town. Thank you for your time.

Amy Ainslie

From: dlmcf33@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 4:26 PM
To: Assembly & Administrator

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Dear Assembly and Administrator,

I'm writing to add my support to adding more Restaurant Eating Place Licenses (REPLs) to our community. I think adding more REPLs will create jobs and allow for more innovation and variety in the restaurant industry. Over the last 10 years of living in Sitka I've really wanted to see more out of the restaurant industry and I think this is one way to help promote new small businesses in town.

Thank you!
Dane McFadden

Amy Ainslie

From: Ed McFadden <emcfadden52@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2025 8:11 PM
To: Assembly & Administrator
Subject: Support for REPLs

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To the Sitka Assembly and Administrators,

I am a full time resident of Sitka and am writing in support of adding more Restaurant Eating Place Licenses (REPLs).

The list of restaurants that are open full time throughout the year that serve beer and wine is a short one. This week I was looking for a place to take out of town visitors for lunch and adult beverages on a Monday and Tuesday and found very limited options.

Adding more REPLs would help local, full-service restaurants to grow, create jobs, and keep more visitor spending here through the winter months. It will also create more options during the busy tourist season. It is a win for Sitka's small-business community overall and for full time residents like us and our guests.

I support adding more REPLs to help Sitka's year-round restaurants thrive.

Ed McFadden
129 Knutson Drive

Amy Ainslie

From: Zachary Anderson <cheers@harbormountainbrewing.com>
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 11:23 AM
To: assembly
Subject: HMBC Clarification for Assembly - REPL exapansion 2025

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City and Borough of Sitka
Attention: Assembly and Planning Commission
Subject: Public Comment on Resolution Petitioning the ABC Board for 3 Additional REPLs in Sitka

Dear Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the **Resolution Petitioning the ABC Board for 3 Additional REPLs in Sitka**. I am writing on behalf of Harbor Mountain Brewing Company, and I am writing to clarify that our business is not involved in the petition for additional REPL licenses and is in no way connected to or affiliated with entities that have supported or opposed the petition.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

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Zach Anderson
Harbor Mountain Brewing Co
Co-Founder/General Manager
Cell: 9712416026
Company Phone: 9076232337

Amy Ainslie

From: Lauren Bell <lebell1185@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 3:55 PM
To: Assembly & Administrator
Subject: Support for more REPLs in Sitka

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To CBS Assembly members and Administrator,

I'm writing in support of the City adding more Restaurant Eating Place Licenses (REPLs). As a local young professional, mother, and lover of good food, I'm grateful to live in a town that boasts a fleet of innovative restauranteurs. At all times of year - but especially in the winter! - these welcoming and creative restaurants are such important social gathering spots for our community. Critically, the diversity of different types of spaces and food and drink options means that there are great options for all people across our community - from families with littles running wild to a group of old friends looking for a quiet corner to catch up.

I strongly believe that additional REPLs will allow for the growth of innovation in our local restaurant scene, and stimulate more year-round jobs and spending that stays in our community. To me, more options means more excitement around different ways of "going out", meaning more opportunities to support our local businesses. At a time that we want to encourage creative ways of keeping our economy thriving and our businesses "alive" year-round, this seems like a straightforward way for the City to support the type of creativity and growth that makes Sitka an attractive community to live in for people of all ages.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Lauren Bell

Amy Ainslie

From: Lee Johnson <leejohnson60@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 7:49 PM
To: Assembly & Administrator
Subject: Assembly Meeting Item RES 25-11A Restaurant Eating Place Licensing

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Letter in Support of Approval for RES 25-11A.

Dear Assembly Members,

I am writing to ask for your approval of RES 25-11A for Sitka to request additional licenses from the State to allow alcohol in Restaurant Eating Places.
Additional licenses are needed for Sitka restaurants because so many of the current licenses issued are NOT used year round for Sitka residents but are only used for the tourist season a few months each year. I am a full time resident and want to have the restaurants that are open in the winter be able to serve beer and wine with my meal.
My wife and I moved to Sitka several years ago from the Big Island in Hawaii. When we lived in Hawaii our favorite night out was to the Waikoloa Luxury Cinemas (Hawaii cinemas.com). We could watch the latest movie and enjoy a pizza and beer in the theater. This is the current trend across America to keep people coming to the movie theaters. Without this additional offering theaters are struggling to stay open because of online streaming. I want to see Sitka keep its movie theater open and to do this means that they must be able to keep up with trend to offer dinner, alcohol and a movie. We don't want this critical downtown business to fail so please approve making the request to the State for additional licenses for alcohol in Sitka restaurants and eating places.

Lee Johnson
614 OJA St
Sitka, AK 99835

Amy Ainslie

From: Lesa Way <lesamway@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:05 PM
To: assembly
Subject: Support of RES 25-11A

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Dear Assembly Members,

I write to respectfully request your support for the City of Sitka's petition to the State of Alaska Alcohol and Beverage Control Board to issue three additional restaurant or eating place licenses under Alaska statute.

As you know, Sitka's vibrant culinary scene plays a vital role in our local economy, tourism, and community life. However, the current limitation on restaurant licenses has created barriers for new and existing establishments seeking to serve beer and wine with meals. By petitioning for three additional licenses, we aim to foster economic growth, support small business development, and enhance the dining experience for residents and visitors alike.

Your endorsement of this petition would demonstrate a commitment to supporting local entrepreneurship and ensuring Sitka remains a welcoming and dynamic destination. I urge you to vote in favor of this initiative and help us move forward with a more inclusive and prosperous vision for our city.

Thank you for your consideration

Lesa Way

Amy Ainslie

From: Darcy Michener <darcy@alaskapureseasalt.com>
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 6:27 PM
To: Assembly & Administrator
Subject: Fw: REPL's

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From: Darcy Michener
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 6:25 PM
To: assemblyandadministrator@cityofsitka.com <assemblyandadministrator@cityofsitka.com>
Subject: REPL's

Mr. Mayor and members of the Assembly,

Unfortunate circumstances have taken me out of town. I was hoping to address you in person this evening.

I would like to voice my strong preference for more REP Licences. I do not think that beer and wine available at more brick and mortar businesses in town will lead to more alcohol related problems or addictions. I think that unless alcohol is entirely removed from our society we have to manage it wisely. Having a mimosa during a special brunch with friends, a dry Pilsner with friends and small bite after work or a cider that pairs perfectly with a grilled apple sausage for lunch is modeling alohol consumption the way that most of Western Europe does.

Sitka is at a crossroads economically. We have seen and continue to wrestle with the impact of increased numbers of cruise ship visitors. Whether you feel the pros or cons of that impact, I think that all community members will agree that in the 7 months that cruise boats are not here, it is hard for local businesses to prosper. Many eating establishments are closed much of the year. There are several business in the downtown core that are open all year. They should be granted REP Licences if desired.

I know that Luke Bruckert and Cambria Holmes have brought this issue to your body. They have taken one of the businesses that is a core business for a small town (the local theater) and, at enormous personal risk and hard work, are giving it the new life it has been asking for. Wildflower Cafe and Highliner Coffee have invested in our community with their money and time. These, and other entrepreneurs need to be able to succeed without one hand tied behind their backs. Those three businesses are all relatively new. They represent why our community is the envy of Alaska. They show the next generation that hard work and risk can allow you to stay in Sitka, while, providing wonderful year round choices for all of us to enjoy.

We are a special community. I love this town. I also want other creative, hard working individuals that are willing to invest in Sitka to prosper. More REPL's is not a road to inebriates but more opportunity for us, as community members, to enjoy the company of our neighbors while enjoying the efforts of local entrepreneurs.

Thank you for your time,

Jim Michener
Local resident and owner or Alaska Pure Sea Salt Co.

Amy Ainslie

From: Pam Johnson <pameladjohn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 5:02 PM
To: Assembly & Administrator
Subject: Restaurant Eating Place Licensing

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Sitka Assembly Members,

I am writing in support of the proposal to request additional Restaurant Eating Place Licenses for Sitka.

My husband and I retired here four years ago. Many factors contributed to our decision, proximity to family, natural beauty, and a supportive well rounded community.

In order for our community to thrive locally owned and operated businesses need to be supported not only by the influx of summer visitors but also by those of us who choose to make this amazing place our permanent home.

Currently, several businesses who currently hold REPL's opt to only operate during the busy summer season and close for the fall and winter. Providing additional licensing opportunities to the community will support businesses who seek to provide year round family friendly dining options.

My perception of the opposition being expressed to date is predominantly from existing businesses who don't want new competition.

I appreciate your willingness to consider supporting the local small businesses who provide versatile dining options year round for our community by approving this initiative.

Pamela Johnson
614 Oja Street
Sitka, AK 99835
Sent from my iPhone

Amy Ainslie

From: Katie Riley
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 9:28 PM
To: norwoodpaul@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Item D testimony

Hi Paul,
Thank you for sharing your thoughts and perspective on the beer and wine licenses!

There has been some confusion going around so I did just want to clarify that Item D would not pertain to the movie theater. They are an entity that has expressed interest in applying for the licenses should some become available, but we are not considering an application on their behalf now - what we need to determine is whether or not our town has capacity for more beer and wine licenses, and then all the businesses that want them will have to apply to the State ABC board, which will decide who gets them.

I've heard a lot of comments centered on the movie theater (both as a reason to vote for and against these licenses) so I am trying to clarify so folks know exactly what we are voting on. I appreciate your input.
Katie

From: Paul Norwood <norwoodpaul@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 11:54 AM
To: assembly <assembly@cityofsitka.org>
Subject: Item D testimony

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Hello Assembly members!
I would like to voice my support for approval of item D, to eventually allow a beer and wine license at the movie theater. I feel like it's a good central location for responsible, multigenerational entertainment.
Thanks!

Paul Norwood
605 Etolin St, Sitka, AK 99835

Amy Ainslie

From: karl potts <kpotts@connectnorthstar.com>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 12:45 PM
To: Assembly & Department Heads
Subject: In Support of adding more Restaurant Eating Place Licenses in Sitka

Some people who received this message don't often get email from kpotts@connectnorthstar.com. Learn why this is important

Dear Sitka Assembly Members,
I listened intently to the Assembly Meeting on August 12, 2025 pertaining to a business owner's application for an
Restaurant Eating Place Licenses (REPL). This issue has apparently been rescheduled for a hearing on October 28.

My understanding is these licenses allow restaurants to serve beer and wine with meals. Furthermore, my understanding is there are only a very small number of REPLs in Sitka. Furthermore, my understanding is AK Sec. 04.11.100 dealing with restaurant or eating place licenses, allows for the COS Assembly to issue REPLs without violating any superseding authority of the Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) given the demographics of Sitka. As a consumer, it appears many of the existing REPLs in Sitka are not fully utilized as they are closed for a significant portion of the calendar year.

My conclusion is that Sitka is underserved and there is a scarcity of REPLs in Sitka given its demographics. This situation is essentially a restriction of free trade and it diminishes the ability of Sitkan residents to patronize restaurants of their choice. This is antithetical to several of the City of Sitka's stated goals of creating a thriving business sector, increasing employment opportunities and generating revenue for the City.

The addition of more REPLs would open the door for local, full-service restaurants who stay open year-round to grow, create jobs, and capture more visitor spending through the winter months in addition to the busier tourist season.

Approving the pending REPL application will certainly increase the sustainability of Campfire Kitchen. The owners of this establishment are entrepreneurial and committed to the Sitka community. More importantly, approving their REPL application is a win for Sitka's small-business community overall.
I support adding more REPLs to help Sitka's year-round restaurants thrive and succeed. This improves the quality of life in Sitka for all.

Respectfully submitted,
Karl Potts

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Aleutians East Borough	38	1	1	1		1									
Akutan	1,594	1	2	1	1										
Cold Bay	56	1	1	1	1	1									
False Pass - local option (PS only)	379	1	1	1		0									
King Cove	866	1	1	1	1	1									
Sand Point	605	1	1	1		1					1				
Anchorage, Municipality of	289,572	97	194	33	117	95*	19		1		121*	1*	7*	3*	0*
Bristol Bay Borough	777	1	1	1	5	4					1				
Denali Borough	1,381	1	1	1	5	6			1		3				
Anderson	232	1	1	1	1										
Fairbanks North Star Borough	63,685	22	43	8	23	24	2		2		12*		0*	2	0*
Fairbanks	31,002	11	21	4	40	16	5				22		2	1	0*
North Pole	2,404	1	2	1	2	3	1				1				
Haines Borough	2,537	1	5+	1	3	4	1	0*			3		1	0*	1
Juneau, City and Borough	31,336	11	30+	4	20	16	4			1	22		4	1	2*
Kenai Peninsula Borough	40,193	14	27	5	19	29	5		2		16*		3*	1*	
Homer	5,648	2	20+	1	9	8	2				15		1*	0*	

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Kachemak	677	1	1	1	1									1	
Kenai	7,118	3	5	1	5	5	3		1		3				
Seldovia	242	1	1	1	1	2					1				
Seward	2,113	1	2	1	7	4	1				13				
Soldotna	4,552	2	26†	1	4	3	1		1		5*		0*	0*	
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	5,397	2	4	1	4	5				1	2				
Ketchikan	7,610	3	6	1	15	11	4			1	6		1*	1*	0*
Saxman	362	1	1	1	1	1					1				
Kodiak Island Borough	6,707	3	5	1	2	2	1								
Kodiak	5,288	2	4	1	11	4	2				4		1	0*	
Lake and Peninsula Borough	808	1	1	1	3	2									
Egegik	29	1	1	1		1									
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	96,758	33	65	11	31	32	4		1		20*		3*	2*	0*
Houston	2,214	1	2	1	1	1					1				
Palmer	5,908	2	4	1	5	3	1	0*	1		5		1*	0*	1
Wasilla	9,617	4	35 †	2	7	7	3				16*		1		
North Slope Borough	3,090	2	3	1											
Kaktovik	246	1	1	1											

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Northwest Arctic Borough	838	1	1	1											
Kotzebue (local option community)	2,863	1	2	1		1									
Petersburg Borough	3,379	2	3	1	3	4	2				2				
Sitka, City and Borough	8,063	3	6	1	8	5	3				8		1	1	0*
Skagway, Municipality of	1,123	1	1	1	2	2	2				6		0*		1*
Wrangell, City and Borough	2,030	1	2	1	3	5	1		1						
Yakutat, City and Borough	637	1	1	1	2	2									
Cities in unorganized boroughs															
Adak	67	1	1	1	1	1					0*				
Bethel (local option only allows REPL)	5,887	2	4	1							2				
Bettles	17	1	1	1	1	1									
Coffman Cove	209	1	1	1	1	1									
Cordova	2,506	1	2	1	4	4	1				2		1		
Craig	972	1	1	1	2	3	1				1				
Delta Junction	977	1	1	1	2	2	1				1			0*	
Dillingham	2,086	1	2	1	2	2					1				
Galena	454	1	1	1	1	1									

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Hoonah	835	1	1	1	1	1				1	1		1		
McGrath	264	1	1	1	1	2									
Nenana	381	1	1	1	1	2					1				
Nome	3,327	2	3	1	5	4	2				3				
Pelican	89	1	1	1	1	1					1				
Ruby	137	1	1	1		1									
St. George	42	1	1	1		1									
St. Paul	375	1	1	1	1	1									
Tenakee Springs	123	1	1	1		1									
Thorne Bay	497	1	1	1	1	1									
Unalaska	4,120	2	3	1	2	2					2				
Valdez	3,793	2	16 †	1	2	2	2				7		2		
Whittier	263	1	1	1	1	1					3				

Note: Since the 2017 population count was published, staff has reviewed the census data for students and military personnel. In accordance with the Census Bureau "Residence Rule" (https://www.census.gov/population/www/cen2010/resid_rules/resid_rules.html), students and military personnel are counted at the residence where they live and sleep most of the time. Thus these populations are counted by the Census in the appropriate population areas and no populations of students or military personnel need be discounted per 3 AAC 305.900(a)(3)

† this community was approved by the ABC board for additional Restaurant or Eating Place licenses in accordance with AS 04.11.405
* pending applications in process

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February 25, 2025 Population/License Counts Posted
Date
April 16, 2025 Updated Allowed REPL's
Date

2024

SEARHC
SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM

YEAR IN NUMBERS

Who We Are

For 50 years, SEARHC has been more than a healthcare provider—we've been a trusted partner in the well-being of Southeast Alaska. Across the region, our primary and specialty care, dental and behavioral health clinics ensure individuals and families receive the comprehensive support they need.

Our critical access hospitals provide emergency and inpatient care, including best-in-class specialty services. We offer long-term care for elders, telehealth services connecting remote communities to specialists, and rehabilitation programs that help patients regain independence. From opioid treatment and recovery services in Ketchikan to advanced imaging and diagnostics in Wrangell, SEARHC remains a vital part of Southeast Alaska's communities.

1,200 patients
COME THROUGH OUR DOORS EVERY DAY

2,100
WORKFORCE

26
COMMUNITIES SERVED

41,000+
PATIENTS CARED FOR

Clinic Visits

126,498
TOTAL CLINIC VISITS*

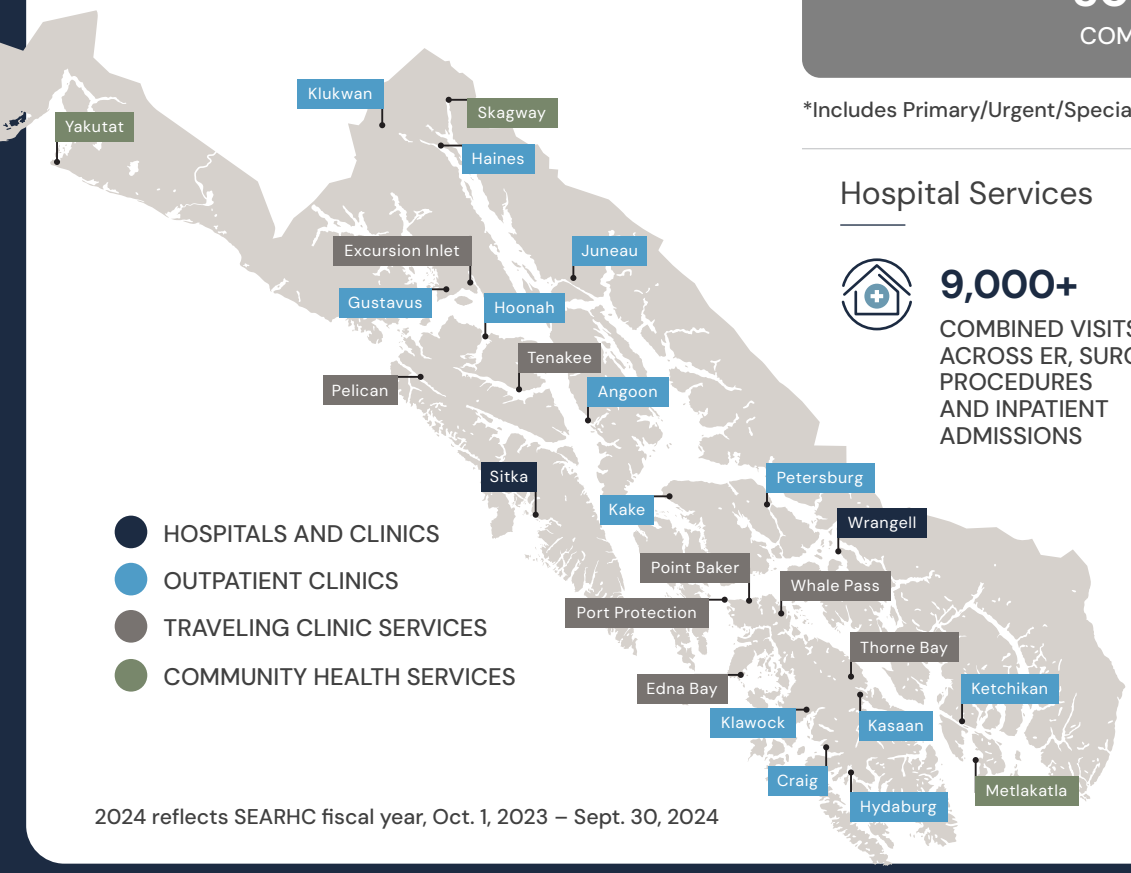
47,459
DENTAL & OPTOMETRY

79,296
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

43,870
REHABILITATION SERVICES

300,000+
COMBINED VISITS

*Includes Primary/Urgent/Specialty Care, Telehealth and other clinic visits



Hospital Services

9,000+
COMBINED VISITS ACROSS ER, SURGICAL PROCEDURES AND INPATIENT ADMISSIONS

Long-Term Care

11,461
DAYS OF CARE

Ancillary Services

1 million+
SERVICES PROVIDED ACROSS LABORATORY, PHARMACY AND IMAGING

2024 reflects SEARHC fiscal year, Oct. 1, 2023 – Sept. 30, 2024

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Sitka Historical Cruise Ship Numbers
Provided by Visit Sitka to the City and Borough Sitka
Sent via email December 1, 2021

Cruise ship passenger arrivals
Sitka, Alaska

Year	Passengers	Column1
1983	53,600	
1984	60,100	
1985	101,600	
1986	110,400	
1987	102,500	
1988	100,700	
1989	107,000	
1990	128,600	
1991	156,000	
1992	167,200	
1993	174,000	
1994	200,000	
1995	221,000	
1996	252,256	
1997	183,562	
1998	161,351	
1999	168,024	
2000	156,019	
2001	206,279	
2002	250,241	
2003	256,782	
2004	232,399	
2005	229,793	
2006	267,026	
2007	233,936	
2008	289,753	
2009	224,335	
2010	144,383	
2011	129,380	
2012	110,714	
2013	103,420	
2014	90,182	
2015	117,546	
2016	122,944	
2017	172,678	
2018	151,259	
2019	213,610	
2020	0	230,000 Projected
2021		250,000 Projected
2022		400,000 Projected

2023 Cruise Passenger Count

Provided by Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska to the City and Borough of Sitka

Sent via email November 6, 2023

2023 Season (Data Points & Calendar)							
#	~	DATE	SHIP	DOCK	ARR/DEP	PAX EST	PAX ACT
1	April	Tuesday, April 25th, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,262
2	April	Thursday, April 27th, 2023	Carnival Miracle	STO	09:30/18:00	2,124	2,070
3	May	Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,289
4	May	Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023	Eurodam	STO	07:30/17:00	2,100	1,983
5	May	Thursday, May 4th, 2023	Discovery Princess	STO	07:30/17:00	3,660	3,171
6	May	Thursday, May 4th, 2023	Westerdam	STI	07:00/17:15	1,848	1,684
7	May	Sunday, May 7th, 2023	Sapphire Princess	STO	07:30/17:00	2,600	2,223
8	May	Monday, May 8th, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,244
9	May	Tuesday, May 9th, 2023	Noordam	STI	09:30/18:00	1,924	2,008
10	May	Tuesday, May 9th, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,323
11	May	Wednesday, May 10th, 2023	Eurodam	STI	07:30/17:00	2,100	2,038
12	May	Wednesday, May 10th, 2023	Majestic Princess	STO	08:30/18:00	3,560	3,088
13	May	Thursday, May 11th, 2023	Westerdam	STI	07:30/16:00	1,848	1,899
14	May	Thursday, May 11th, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	STO	09:30/17:00	4,180	4,379
15	May	Saturday, May 13th, 2023	NG Venture	PIP	05:30/18:00	100	108
16	May	Saturday, May 13th, 2023	Ovation of the Seas	STI	10:30/19:00	4,180	4,333
17	May	Saturday, May 13th, 2023	Norwegian Sun	STO	11:30/20:00	2,002	1,817
18	May	Sunday, May 14th, 2023	Crown Princess	STO	09:30/18:00	3,082	2,326
19	May	Monday, May 15th, 2023	Seabourn Odyssey	1BR	07:30/17:00	450	394
20	May	Monday, May 15th, 2023	Silver Muse	2CR	08:30/16:00	596	494
21	May	Monday, May 15th, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,295
22	May	Tuesday, May 16th, 2023	Ocean Victory	PIP	05:30/17:00	200	120
23	May	Tuesday, May 16th, 2023	NG Sea Lion	PET	06:30/20:00	60	56
24	May	Tuesday, May 16th, 2023	Nieuw Amsterdam	STI	07:30/17:00	2,100	1,964
25	May	Tuesday, May 16th, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,335
26	May	Wednesday, May 17th, 2023	Viking Orion	STI	07:00/16:00	930	714
27	May	Wednesday, May 17th, 2023	Eurodam	STO	07:30/17:00	2,100	1,952
28	May	Wednesday, May 17th, 2023	Scenic Eclipse	2BR	07:30/18:00	228	112
29	May	Thursday, May 18th, 2023	NG Sea Bird	PET	05:30/18:00	60	76
30	May	Thursday, May 18th, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	STI	06:30/17:00	4,180	4,404
31	May	Thursday, May 18th, 2023	Westerdam	STO	07:30/16:00	1,848	1,942
32	May	Sunday, May 21st, 2023	NG Quest	STO	05:30/18:00	100	111
33	May	Monday, May 22nd, 2023	Silver Whisper	2CR	08:30/16:00	382	311
34	May	Monday, May 22nd, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,396
35	May	Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023	Radiance of the Seas	STI	06:30/16:30	2,100	2,146
36	May	Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023	Roald Amundsen	2BR	07:30/16:00	530	281
37	May	Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023	Silver Muse	3CR	08:30/16:00	596	514
38	May	Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,353
39	May	Wednesday, May 24th, 2023	Eurodam	STI	07:30/17:15	2,100	2,103
40	May	Wednesday, May 24th, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	STO	09:00/17:00	4,180	4,521
41	May	Wednesday, May 24th, 2023	Norwegian Sun	2BR	11:30/20:00	2,002	1,923
42	May	Wednesday, May 24th, 2023	Oceania Regatta	3CR	13:30/21:00	700	438
43	May	Thursday, May 25th, 2023	Westerdam	STI	07:30/16:00	1,848	1,970
44	May	Thursday, May 25th, 2023	Crown Princess	STO	10:30/18:00	3,082	2,917
45	May	Friday, May 26th, 2023	Viking Orion	STO	07:30/17:00	930	878
46	May	Saturday, May 27th, 2023	NG Venture	STO	05:30/18:00	100	139
47	May	Monday, May 29th, 2023	Seabourn Odyssey	1BR	07:30/17:00	450	371
48	May	Monday, May 29th, 2023	Silver Muse	2CR	08:30/16:00	596	519
49	May	Monday, May 29th, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,634
50	May	Tuesday, May 30th, 2023	Ruby Princess	STI	09:30/18:00	3,082	3,182
51	May	Tuesday, May 30th, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,481
52	May	Wednesday, May 31st, 2023	Eurodam	STI	07:30/17:15	2,100	2,147
53	June	Thursday, June 1st, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	STI	06:30/17:00	4,180	4,810
54	June	Thursday, June 1st, 2023	Westerdam	STO	07:30/16:00	1,848	1,896
55	June	Saturday, June 3rd, 2023	Roald Amundsen	1CR	08:30/18:00	530	261
56	June	Sunday, June 4th, 2023	NG Quest	PIP	05:30/18:00	100	155
57	June	Sunday, June 4th, 2023	Ovation of the Seas	STO	09:30/17:00	4,180	4,654
58	June	Sunday, June 4th, 2023	Crown Princess	STI	09:00/18:00	3,082	2,905
59	June	Monday, June 5th, 2023	NG Sea Lion	PET	05:30/20:00	60	103
60	June	Monday, June 5th, 2023	Queen Elizabeth	STI	06:30/19:00	2,092	1,345
61	June	Monday, June 5th, 2023	Seven Seas Explorer	1BR	07:30/17:00	700	385
62	June	Monday, June 5th, 2023	Silver Whisper	2CR	08:30/16:00	382	327
63	June	Monday, June 5th, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,568
64	June	Tuesday, June 6th, 2023	Ocean Victory	PIP	05:30/17:00	200	248
65	June	Tuesday, June 6th, 2023	Radiance of the Seas	STI	06:30/16:30	2,100	2,350
66	June	Tuesday, June 6th, 2023	Viking Orion	2BR	07:30/16:00	930	897
67	June	Tuesday, June 6th, 2023	Silver Muse	3CR	08:30/16:00	596	559
68	June	Tuesday, June 6th, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,470
69	June	Wednesday, June 7th, 2023	NG Sea Bird	PET	05:30/18:00	60	101
70	June	Wednesday, June 7th, 2023	Norwegian Sun	STI	07:00/17:15	2,002	2,042
71	June	Wednesday, June 7th, 2023	Eurodam	STO	07:30/17:00	2,100	2,156

72	June	Thursday, June 8th, 2023	Westerdam	STI	07:00/16:00	1,848	2,106
73	June	Thursday, June 8th, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	STO	07:30/17:00	4,180	4,818
74	June	Friday, June 9th, 2023	Seven Seas Explorer	STO	07:30/16:00	700	738
75	June	Saturday, June 10th, 2023	NG Venture	STO	05:30/18:00	100	85
76	June	Monday, June 12th, 2023	Seabourn Odyssey	1BR	07:30/17:00	450	349
77	June	Monday, June 12th, 2023	Queen Elizabeth	STI	07:30/19:00	2,092	1,918
78	June	Monday, June 12th, 2023	Silver Muse	2CR	08:00/16:00	596	402
79	June	Monday, June 12th, 2023	Star Breeze	3BR	08:30/16:00	312	237
80	June	Monday, June 12th, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,829
81	June	Tuesday, June 13th, 2023	Ovation of the Seas	STI	07:30/17:00	4,180	4,823
82	June	Tuesday, June 13th, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,577
83	June	Wednesday, June 14th, 2023	Viking Orion	STI	07:30/16:00	930	904
84	June	Wednesday, June 14th, 2023	Eurodam	STO	07:30/17:15	2,100	2,198
85	June	Thursday, June 15th, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	STO	06:30/17:00	4,180	4,757
86	June	Thursday, June 15th, 2023	Westerdam	STO	07:30/16:00	1,848	2,136
87	June	Friday, June 16th, 2023	Roald Amundsen	1CR	07:30/16:00	530	218
88	June	Sunday, June 18th, 2023	NG Quest	STO	05:30/18:00	100	176
89	June	Sunday, June 18th, 2023	Crown Princess	STI	06:30/16:00	3,082	2,878
90	June	Monday, June 19th, 2023	Silver Whisper	2CR	08:30/16:00	382	327
91	June	Monday, June 19th, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,801
92	June	Tuesday, June 20th, 2023	Radiance of the Seas	STI	06:30/16:30	2,100	2,398
93	June	Tuesday, June 20th, 2023	Silver Muse	2CR	08:30/16:00	596	571
94	June	Tuesday, June 20th, 2023	Oceania Regatta	3BR	10:00/17:00	700	655
95	June	Tuesday, June 20th, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,555
96	June	Wednesday, June 21st, 2023	Eurodam	STI	07:30/17:15	2,100	2,221
97	June	Wednesday, June 21st, 2023	Ruby Princess	2BR	07:30/18:00	3,082	3,280
98	June	Wednesday, June 21st, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	STO	09:00/17:00	4,180	4,852
99	June	Thursday, June 22nd, 2023	Westerdam	STI	07:30/16:00	1,848	2,116
100	June	Thursday, June 22nd, 2023	Queen Elizabeth	STO	08:30/17:00	2,092	1,966
101	June	Friday, June 23rd, 2023	Norwegian Spirit	STO	11:00/18:00	2,335	1,734
102	June	Friday, June 23rd, 2023	Seven Seas Explorer	STI	08:30/17:00	700	686
103	June	Saturday, June 24th, 2023	NG Venture	STO	05:30/18:00	100	192
104	June	Sunday, June 25th, 2023	NG Sea Lion	PET	05:30/20:00	60	114
105	June	Sunday, June 25th, 2023	Star Breeze	STO	07:30/16:00	312	269
106	June	Monday, June 26th, 2023	Viking Orion	STI	07:30/16:00	930	911
107	June	Monday, June 26th, 2023	Seabourn Odyssey	1BR	07:30/17:00	450	362
108	June	Monday, June 26th, 2023	Silver Muse	2CR	08:30/16:00	596	405
109	June	Monday, June 26th, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,837
110	June	Tuesday, June 27th, 2023	Ocean Victory	PIP	05:30/17:00	200	341
111	June	Tuesday, June 27th, 2023	NG Sea Bird	PET	05:30/18:00	60	121
112	June	Tuesday, June 27th, 2023	Celebrity Eclipse	STI	10:30/20:30	2,850	2,978
113	June	Tuesday, June 27th, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,555
114	June	Wednesday, June 28th, 2023	Oceania Regatta	2CR	07:30/16:00	700	610
115	June	Wednesday, June 28th, 2023	Eurodam	STI	07:30/17:15	2,100	2,264
116	June	Wednesday, June 28th, 2023	Roald Amundsen	3BR	08:30/18:00	530	269
117	June	Wednesday, June 28th, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	STO	09:00/17:00	4,180	4,867
118	June	Thursday, June 29th, 2023	Westerdam	STI	07:00/16:00	1,848	2,138
119	June	Thursday, June 29th, 2023	Crown Princess	STO	07:30/17:00	3,082	2,994
120	June	Friday, June 30th, 2023	Carnival Luminosa	STO	09:00/18:00	2,300	2,500
121	July	Sunday, July 2nd, 2023	NG Quest	PIP	05:30/18:00	100	178
122	July	Sunday, July 2nd, 2023	Ovation of the Seas	STO	09:30/17:00	4,180	4,833
123	July	Monday, July 3rd, 2023	Queen Elizabeth	STI	07:30/17:00	2,092	1,920
124	July	Monday, July 3rd, 2023	Seabourn Odyssey	1BR	07:30/17:00	450	366
125	July	Monday, July 3rd, 2023	Silver Whisper	2CR	08:30/16:00	382	315
126	July	Monday, July 3rd, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,643
127	July	Tuesday, July 4th, 2023	Radiance of the Seas	STI	06:30/15:00	2,100	2,369
128	July	Tuesday, July 4th, 2023	Silver Muse	2BR	08:30/16:00	596	532
129	July	Tuesday, July 4th, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,577
130	July	Wednesday, July 5th, 2023	Norwegian Sun	STI	07:00/17:15	2,002	2,050
131	July	Wednesday, July 5th, 2023	Eurodam	STO	07:30/17:00	2,100	2,158
132	July	Wednesday, July 5th, 2023	Viking Orion	2CR	07:30/17:00	930	834
133	July	Wednesday, July 5th, 2023	Oceania Insignia	3BR	10:00/20:00	700	611
134	July	Thursday, July 6th, 2023	Westerdam	STI	07:00/16:00	1,848	2,072
135	July	Thursday, July 6th, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	STO	07:30/17:00	4,180	4,925
136	July	Friday, July 7th, 2023	Roald Amundsen	1CR	07:30/16:00	530	228
137	July	Friday, July 7th, 2023	Seven Seas Explorer	STI	08:30/17:00	700	736
138	July	Friday, July 7th, 2024	Norwegian Spirit	STO	11:00/18:00	2,335	1,963
139	July	Saturday, July 8th, 2023	NG Venture	STO	05:30/18:00	100	214
140	July	Saturday, July 8th, 2023	Crown Princess	STI	07:30/17:00	3,082	3,054
141	July	Sunday, July 9th, 2023	Queen Elizabeth	STI	11:30/18:00	2,092	1,996
142	July	~~Sunday, July 9th, 2023~~	~~Ruby Princess~~	~~STO~~	~~12:30/20:00~~	~~3,082~~	~~CANCELED~~
143	July	Monday, July 10th, 2023	Oceania Regatta	STI	05:30/14:00	700	625
144	July	Monday, July 10th, 2023	Silver Muse	2BR	08:30/16:00	596	532
145	July	Monday, July 10th, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,727

146	July	Tuesday, July 11th, 2023	Ovation of the Seas	STI	07:30/17:00	4,180	4,822
147	July	Tuesday, July 11th, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,643
148	July	Wednesday, July 12th, 2023	Eurodam	STI	07:30/17:15	2,100	2,229
149	July	Thursday, July 13th, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	STO	06:30/17:00	4,180	4,869
150	July	Thursday, July 13th, 2023	Westerdam	STO	07:30/16:00	1,848	2,065
151	July	Saturday, July 15th, 2023	NG Sea Lion	PET	05:30/20:00	60	125
152	July	Sunday, July 16th, 2023	NG Quest	PIP	05:30/18:00	100	217
153	July	Sunday, July 16th, 2023	Viking Orion	STI	07:30/16:00	930	909
154	July	Sunday, July 16th, 2023	Crown Princess	STO	09:30/18:00	3,082	2,967
155	July	Monday, July 17th, 2023	NG Sea Bird	PET	05:30/18:00	60	111
156	July	Monday, July 17th, 2023	Star Breeze	3BR	07:30/17:00	312	217
157	July	Monday, July 17th, 2023	Seabourn Odyssey	1BR	07:00/17:00	450	379
158	July	Monday, July 17th, 2023	Silver Whisper	2CR	08:30/16:00	382	344
159	July	Monday, July 17th, 2023	Oceania Regatta	STI	09:30/17:00	700	652
160	July	Monday, July 17th, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,591
161	July	Tuesday, July 18th, 2023	Ocean Victory	PIP	05:30/17:00	200	244
162	July	Tuesday, July 18th, 2023	Radiance of the Seas	STI	06:30/15:00	2,100	2,463
163	July	Tuesday, July 18th, 2023	Silver Muse	2BR	08:30/16:00	596	550
164	July	Tuesday, July 18th, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,597
165	July	Wednesday, July 19th, 2023	Eurodam	STI	07:30/17:15	2,100	2,172
166	July	Wednesday, July 19th, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	STO	09:00/17:00	4,180	4,870
167	July	Wednesday, July 19th, 2023	Ruby Princess	2BR	12:30/20:00	3,082	3,252
168	July	Thursday, July 20th, 2023	Westerdam	STI	07:30/16:00	1,848	1,976
169	July	Thursday, July 20th, 2023	Queen Elizabeth	STO	09:00/17:00	2,092	2,019
170	July	Friday, July 21st, 2023	Seven Seas Explorer	STI	08:30/17:00	700	695
171	July	Friday, July 21st, 2023	Norwegian Spirit	STO	11:00/18:00	2,335	2,019
172	July	Saturday, July 22nd, 2023	NG Venture	STO	05:30/18:00	100	191
173	July	Saturday, July 22nd, 2023	Viking Orion	STI	07:00/16:00	930	921
174	July	Sunday, July 23rd, 2023	Star Breeze	1CR	06:30/13:00	312	288
175	July	Monday, July 24th, 2023	Silver Muse	2BR	08:30/16:00	596	536
176	July	Monday, July 24th, 2023	Oceania Regatta	STI	08:30/18:15	700	631
177	July	Monday, July 24th, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,680
178	July	Tuesday, July 25th, 2023	Celebrity Eclipse	STI	10:30/20:30	2,850	3,044
179	July	Tuesday, July 25th, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,657
180	July	Wednesday, July 26th, 2023	Eurodam	STI	07:30/17:15	2,100	2,242
181	July	Wednesday, July 26th, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	STO	09:00/17:00	4,180	4,839
182	July	Thursday, July 27th, 2023	Westerdam	STI	07:30/16:00	1,848	2,063
183	July	Thursday, July 27th, 2023	Carnival Miracle	STO	09:30/18:00	2,124	2,529
184	July	Saturday, July 29th, 2023	Crown Princess	STI	07:30/17:00	3,082	3,115
185	July	Saturday, July 29th, 2023	Queen Elizabeth	STO	08:00/18:00	2,092	1,975
186	July	Sunday, July 30th, 2023	NG Quest	PIP	05:30/18:00	100	203
187	July	Sunday, July 30th, 2023	Disney Wonder	STI	07:30/17:15	2,400	2,326
188	July	Sunday, July 30th, 2023	Ovation of the Seas	STO	09:30/17:00	4,180	4,802
189	July	Sunday, July 30th, 2023	Roald Amundsen	1BR	12:30/21:00	530	197
190	July	Monday, July 31st, 2023	Seabourn Odyssey	1BR	07:30/17:00	450	406
191	July	Monday, July 31st, 2023	Silver Whisper	2CR	08:30/16:00	382	352
192	July	Monday, July 31st, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,721
193	August	Tuesday, August 1st, 2023	Radiance of the Seas	STI	06:30/15:00	2,100	2,403
194	August	Tuesday, August 1st, 2023	Star Breeze	1BR	07:30/16:00	312	228
195	August	Tuesday, August 1st, 2023	Silver Muse	2CR	08:30/16:00	596	587
196	August	Tuesday, August 1st, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,654
197	August	Wednesday, August 2nd, 2023	Norwegian Sun	STI	07:00/17:15	2,002	2,165
198	August	Wednesday, August 2nd, 2023	Eurodam	STO	07:30/17:00	2,100	2,237
199	August	Thursday, August 3rd, 2023	Westerdam	STI	07:00/16:00	1,848	2,105
200	August	Thursday, August 3rd, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	STO	07:30/17:00	4,180	4,838
201	August	Friday, August 4th, 2023	NG Sea Lion	PET	05:30/20:00	60	119
202	August	Friday, August 4th, 2023	Seven Seas Explorer	STI	08:30/17:00	700	764
203	August	Friday, August 4th, 2023	Norwegian Spirit	STO	11:00/18:00	2,335	1,994
204	August	Saturday, August 5th, 2023	NG Venture	PIP	05:30/18:00	100	198
205	August	Saturday, August 5th, 2023	Viking Orion	STI	07:30/16:00	930	901
206	August	Saturday, August 5th, 2023	Oceania Regatta	STO	09:30/17:30	700	658
207	August	Sunday, August 6th, 2023	NG Sea Bird	PET	05:30/18:00	60	133
208	August	Sunday, August 6th, 2023	Crown Princess	STO	10:30/19:00	3,082	3,072
209	August	Monday, August 7th, 2023	Roald Amundsen	3BR	07:30/16:00	530	222
210	August	Monday, August 7th, 2023	Silver Muse	2CR	08:30/16:00	596	582
211	August	Monday, August 7th, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,690
212	August	Tuesday, August 8th, 2023	Ocean Victory	PIP	05:30/17:00	200	231
213	August	Tuesday, August 8th, 2023	Ovation of the Seas	STO	07:30/17:00	4,180	4,874
214	August	Tuesday, August 8th, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STI	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,630
215	August	Wednesday, August 9th, 2023	Eurodam	STI	07:30/17:15	2,100	2,211
216	August	Thursday, August 10th, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	STO	06:30/17:00	4,180	4,842
217	August	Thursday, August 10th, 2023	Westerdam	STO	07:30/16:00	1,848	2,066
218	August	Friday, August 11th, 2023	Viking Orion	STO	07:30/16:00	930	912
219	August	Sunday, August 13th, 2023	NG Quest	STO	05:30/18:00	100	217

220	August	Monday, August 14th, 2023	Queen Elizabeth	STI	06:30/15:00	2,092	1,921
221	August	Monday, August 14th, 2023	Seabourn Odyssey	1BR	07:00/17:00	450	415
222	August	Monday, August 14th, 2023	Silver Whisper	3CR	08:30/16:00	382	351
223	August	Monday, August 14th, 2023	Oceania Regatta	2CR	08:30/17:00	700	644
224	August	Monday, August 14th, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,789
225	August	Tuesday, August 15th, 2023	Radiance of the Seas	STI	06:30/15:00	2,100	2,344
226	August	Tuesday, August 15th, 2023	Silver Muse	2BR	08:30/16:00	596	549
227	August	Tuesday, August 15th, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,625
228	August	Wednesday, August 16th, 2023	Eurodam	STI	07:30/17:15	2,100	2,037
229	August	Wednesday, August 16th, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	STO	09:00/17:00	4,180	4,702
230	August	Thursday, August 17th, 2023	Westerdam	STI	07:30/16:00	1,848	1,935
231	August	~~Thursday, August 17th, 2023~~	~~Crown Princess~~	~~STO~~	~~09:30/18:00~~	~~3,082~~	~~CANCELLED~~
232	August	Friday, August 18th, 2023	Seven Seas Explorer	STI	08:30/17:00	700	745
233	August	Friday, August 18th, 2023	Norwegian Spirit	STO	11:00/18:00	2,335	1,966
234	August	Saturday, August 19th, 2023	NG Venture	STO	05:30/18:00	100	201
235	August	Monday, August 21st, 2023	Silver Muse	2CR	08:30/16:00	596	557
236	August	Monday, August 21st, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,548
237	August	Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023	Celebrity Eclipse	STI	10:30/20:30	2,850	3,001
238	August	Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,529
239	August	Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023	Eurodam	STI	07:30/17:15	2,100	2,155
240	August	Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	STO	09:00/17:00	4,180	4,720
241	August	Thursday, August 24th, 2023	NG Sea Lion	PET	05:30/20:00	60	115
242	August	Thursday, August 24th, 2023	Westerdam	STO	07:30/16:00	1,848	2,009
243	August	Friday, August 25th, 2023	Oceania Regatta	STI	06:30/15:00	700	644
244	August	Friday, August 25th, 2023	Viking Orion	STO	07:30/16:00	930	908
245	August	Saturday, August 26th, 2023	NG Sea Bird	PET	05:30/18:00	60	117
246	August	Sunday, August 27th, 2023	NG Quest	PIP	05:30/18:00	100	193
247	August	Sunday, August 27th, 2023	Ovation of the Seas	STO	09:30/17:00	4,180	4,528
248	August	Sunday, August 27th, 2023	Crown Princess	STI	09:00/18:00	3,082	3,017
249	August	Monday, August 28th, 2023	Seabourn Odyssey	2BR	07:30/17:00	450	414
250	August	Monday, August 28th, 2023	Silver Whisper	2CR	08:30/16:00	382	367
251	August	Monday, August 28th, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,502
252	August	Tuesday, August 29th, 2023	Ocean Victory	PIP	05:30/17:00	200	271
253	August	Tuesday, August 29th, 2023	Radiance of the Seas	STI	06:30/15:00	2,100	2,186
254	August	Tuesday, August 29th, 2023	Silver Muse	2CR	08:30/16:00	596	535
255	August	Tuesday, August 29th, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,605
256	August	Wednesday, August 30th, 2023	Ruby Princess	STI	07:00/18:00	3,082	3,034
257	August	Wednesday, August 30th, 2023	Eurodam	STO	07:30/17:00	2,100	2,092
258	August	Wednesday, August 30th, 2023	Norwegian Sun	2BR	07:30/17:00	2,002	1,946
259	August	Thursday, August 31st, 2023	Westerdam	STI	07:00/16:00	1,848	1,992
260	August	Thursday, August 31st, 2023	Viking Orion	2BR	07:30/16:00	930	900
261	August	Thursday, August 31st, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	STO	07:30/17:00	4,180	4,450
262	September	Friday, September 1st, 2023	Seven Seas Explorer	STO	08:30/1700	700	711
263	September	Saturday, September 2nd, 2023	Star Breeze	STI	07:30/16:00	312	261
264	September	Saturday, September 2nd, 2023	NG Venture	STO	06:30/18:00	100	104
265	September	Sunday, September 3rd, 2023	NG Sea Lion	PET	05:30/20:00	60	97
266	September	Monday, Septemeber 4th, 2023	Oceania Regatta	STI	06:30/15:00	700	633
267	September	Monday, Septemeber 4th, 2023	Silver Muse	3BR	08:30/16:00	596	554
268	September	Monday, Septemeber 4th, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,268
269	September	Tuesday, September 5th, 2023	NG Sea Bird	PET	05:30/18:00	60	107
270	September	Tuesday, September 5th, 2023	Ovation of the Seas	STI	07:30/17:00	4,180	4,331
271	September	Tuesday, September 5th, 2023	Norwegian Spirit	2BR	08:30/19:00	2,335	1,921
272	September	Tuesday, September 5th, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,337
273	September	Wednesday, September 6th, 2023	Eurodam	STO	07:30/17:00	2,100	2,067
274	September	Thursday, September 7th, 2023	Westerdam	STI	07:30/16:00	1,848	1,970
275	September	Thursday, September 7th, 2023	Crown Princess	STO	11:30/20:00	3,082	2,848
276	September	Sunday, September 10th, 2023	NG Quest	STI	05:30/18:00	100	182
277	September	Sunday, September 10th, 2023	Ovation of the Seas	STO	09:30/17:00	4,180	4,282
278	September	Monday, September 11th, 2023	Seabourn Odyssey	1BR	07:30/17:00	450	406
279	September	Monday, September 11th, 2023	Silver Muse	2CR	08:30/16:00	596	424
280	September	Monday, September 11th, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,159
281	September	~~Tuesday, September 12th, 2023~~	~~Radiance of the Seas~~	~~STI~~	~~06:30/15:00~~	~~2,100~~	~~CANCELLED~~
282	September	Tuesday, September 12th, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	STO	11:30/19:00	2,100	2,264
283	September	Wednesday, September 13th, 2023	Oceania Regatta	2BR	06:30/15:00	700	651
284	September	Wednesday, September 13th, 2023	Eurodam	STI	07:30/17:15	2,100	2,078
285	September	Wednesday, September 13th, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	STO	09:30/17:00	4,180	4,270
286	September	Thursday, September 14th, 2023	Westerdam	STI	07:30/16:00	1,848	1,978
287	September	Thursday, September 14th, 2023	Viking Orion	2BR	07:30/16:00	930	891
288	September	Thursday, September 14th, 2023	Carnival Miracle	STO	09:30/18:00	2,124	2,066
289	September	Friday, September 15th, 2023	Seven Seas Explorer	STO	08:30/17:00	700	672
290	September	Saturday, September 16th, 2023	Disney Wonder	STO	08:15/17:00	2,400	1,919
291	September	Monday, September 18th, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	STO	10:30/18:00	4,174	4,113
292	September	Tuesday, September 19th, 2023	Ocean Victory	PIP	06:00/17:00	200	233
293	September	Tuesday, September 19th, 2023	Celebrity Eclipse	STI	10:30/20:30	2,850	2,835

294	September	Tuesday, September 19th, 2023	Brilliance of the Seas	**STO**	11:30/19:00	*2,100*	**2,250**	
295	September	Tuesday, September 19th, 2023	Nansen	**2BR**	12:30/21:00	*530*	**301**	
296	September	Wednesday, September 20th, 2023	Eurodam	**STI**	07:30/17:15	*2,100*	**2,106**	
297	September	Wednesday, September 20th, 2023	Viking Orion	**2BR**	07:30/18:00	*930*	**711**	
298	September	Wednesday, September 20th, 2023	Quantum of the Seas	**STO**	09:30/17:00	*4,180*	**4,293**	
299	September	Thursday, September 21st, 2023	Westerdam	**STO**	07:30/16:00	*1,848*	**1,921**	
300	September	Friday, Septemeber 22nd, 2023	Crown Princess	**STO**	09:30/18:00	*3,082*	**2,862**	
301	September	Friday, Septemeber 22nd, 2023	Seabourn Odyssey	**STO**	07:30/17:00	*450*	**406**	
302	September	Sunday, September 24th, 2023	Seabourn Venture	**2BR**	08:30/18:00	*264*	**185**	
303	September	Sunday, September 24th, 2023	Radiance of the Seas	**STO**	13:30/20:00	*2,100*	**2,185**	
304	September	Monday, September 25th, 2023	Norwegian Bliss	**STO**	10:30/18:00	*4,174*	**4,227**	
305	September	Tuesday, September 26th, 2023	Ovation of the Seas	**STI**	07:30/17:00	*4,180*	**4,387**	
306	September	Tuesday, September 26th, 2023	L'Austral	**2BR**	11:30/18:00	*260*	**170**	
307	September	Wednesday, September 27th, 2023	Eurodam	**STI**	07:30/17:00	*2,100*	**2,057**	
308	September	Wednesday, September 27th, 2023	Noordam	**STO**	11:30/21:00	*1,924*	**1,890**	
309	September	Thursday, September 28th, 2023	Norwegian Sun	**STO**	07:30/16:15	*2,002*	**1,777**	
310	September	Thursday, September 28th, 2023	Westerdam	**STI**	07:00/16:00	*1,848*	**1,903**	
311	September	Thursday, September 28th, 2023	Silver Wind	**2BR**	11:30/18:00	*294*	**236**	
312	October	Monday, October 2nd, 2023	Seabourn Odyssey	**STO**	07:30/17:00	*450*	**404**	
313	October	Wednesday, Ocotber 4th, 2023	Eurodam	**STO**	07:30/17:00	*2,100*	**1,970**	
314	October	Thursday, Ocotber 12th, 2023	Oceania Regatta	**2CR**	07:30/16:00	*700*	**~~CANCELLED~~**	
315	October	Sunday, Ocotber 22nd, 2023	Norwegian Sun	**2CR**	11:15/20:00	*2,002*	**1,698**	
							585,544	TOTAL

Amy Ainslie

From: Noah Rogers <noahr@claalaska.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 1:14 PM
To: Amy Ainslie
Subject: RE: 2024 Cruise Passengers

Hey Amy,

The final Sitka cruise passenger count for the 2024 season, as collected by our agency, was **600,787**.

Some stipulations:

- This is a count of the cruise lines/partners that our agency is associated with. This number does not include some of the smaller cruise lines that make port calls to Sitka (Alaskan Dream Cruises, UnCruise, American Cruise Lines, among others)
- This also does not include yachts that we service via Yacht Services of Alaska
    - If I were to offer a rough estimate as to passengers numbers not included, I'd say give or take ~5,000 more passengers – but still well within the 600,000 range and certainly under 610,000

Thanks for the inquiry Amy, hope all is well at City Hall, and please let me know if you have any further questions. Happy to help.

Very Respectfully,

Noah Rogers
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Hi Noah,

Could I get the final, actual cruise passenger count for 2024?

Thank you,

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2025 Cruise Passenger Count
Provided by Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska to the City and Borough of Sitka
Sent via email October 23, 2025

Day-by-Day Passenger Count						
#	Month	Day of Week	DATE	# OF VESSELS	PAX EST	PAX ON ARRIVAL TOTAL
1	April	Tuesday	April 29th, 2025	2	3,947	3,900
2	May	Thursday	May 1st, 2025	1	1,848	1,897
3	May	Monday	May 5th, 2025	3	5,662	5,174
4	May	Tuesday	May 6th, 2025	2	4,206	4,320
5	May	Wednesday	May 7th, 2025	2	5,186	5,365
6	May	Thursday	May 8th,2025	2	5,735	5,670
7	May	Friday	May 9th, 2025	3	6,232	6,530
8	May	Saturday	May 10th, 2025	2	850	768
9	May	Monday	May 12th, 2025	3	6,612	6,439
10	May	Tuesday	May 13th, 2025	5	7,466	7,574
11	May	Wednesday	May 14th, 2025	3	7,214	7,388
12	May	Thursday	May 15th, 2025	1	1,848	1,899
13	May	Friday	May 16th, 2025	1	2,600	2,344
14	May	Sunday	May 18th, 2025	2	8,067	8,378
15	May	Monday	May 19th, 2025	6	7,088	6,807
16	May	Tuesday	May 20th, 2025	2	4,243	4,598
17	May	Wednesday	May 21st, 2025	2	6,284	6,700
18	May	Thursday	May 22nd, 2025	2	1,908	2,002
19	May	Friday	May 23rd, 2025	3	5,167	4,983
20	May	Saturday	May 24th, 2025	1	100	110
21	May	Sunday	May 25th, 2025	2	1,350	1,169
22	May	Monday	May 26th, 2025	3	6,758	7,048
23	May	Tuesday	May 27th, 2025	3	7,210	7,909
24	May	Wednesday	May 28th, 2025	2	2,804	2,719
25	May	Thursday	May 29th, 2025	2	6,028	6,913
26	June	Sunday	June 1st, 2025	1	4,180	4,693
27	June	Monday	June 2nd, 2025	5	5,992	6,339
28	June	Tuesday	June 3rd, 2025	4	5,769	6,121
29	June	Wednesday	June 4th, 2025	2	6,284	7,118
30	June	Thursday	June 5th, 2025	2	5,735	6,171
31	June	Friday	June 6th, 2025	3	2,710	2,255
32	June	Saturday	June 7th, 2025	1	100	110
33	June	Sunday	June 8th, 2025	2	2,192	1,996
34	June	Monday	June 9th, 2025	3	6,758	7,381
35	June	Tuesday	June 10th, 2025	2	3,030	3,413
36	June	Wednesday	June 11th, 2025	4	8,192	9,062
37	June	Thursday	June 12th, 2025	2	6,969	7,248
38	June	Sunday	June 15th, 2025	2	6,182	6,638
39	June	Monday	June 16th, 2025	4	5,712	6,032
40	June	Tuesday	June 17th, 2025	4	5,769	6,491
41	June	Wednesday	June 18th, 2025	2	6,284	7,189

42	June	Thursday	June 19th, 2025	1	2,092	1,923
43	June	Friday	June 20th, 2025	1	750	728
44	June	Saturday	June 21st, 2025	1	100	112
45	June	Sunday	June 22nd, 2025	2	160	178
46	June	Monday	June 23rd, 2025	4	7,688	8,392
47	June	Tuesday	June 24th, 2025	2	5,987	6,940
48	June	Wednesday	June 25th, 2025	2	4,106	4,255
49	June	Thursday	June 26th, 2025	3	5,640	6,140
50	June	Sunday	June 29th, 2025	1	4,180	4,776
51	June	Monday	June 30th, 2025	4	6,112	6,729
52	July	Tuesday	July 1st, 2025	4	4,899	5,867
53	July	Wednesday	July 2nd, 2025	2	6,284	7,248
54	July	Thursday	July 3rd, 2025	2	5,137	5,312
55	July	Friday	July 4th, 2025	1	750	761
56	July	Saturday	July 5th, 2025	1	100	110
57	July	Sunday	July 6th, 2025	1	100	107
58	July	Monday	July 7th, 2025	4	7,688	8,524
59	July	Tuesday	July 8th, 2025	1	2,100	0
60	July	Wednesday	July 9th, 2025	2	6,284	7,192
61	July	Thursday	July 10th, 2025	2	5,735	6,441
62	July	Friday	July 11th, 2025	1	60	66
63	July	Saturday	July 12th, 2025	1	60	58
64	July	Sunday	July 13th, 2025	3	7,510	7,973
65	July	Monday	July 14th, 2025	4	6,432	6,921
66	July	Tuesday	July 15th, 2025	3	4,839	5,711
67	July	Wednesday	July 16th, 2025	3	7,214	8,038
68	July	Thursday	July 17th, 2025	2	3,940	4,008
69	July	Friday	July 18th, 2025	1	750	748
70	July	Saturday	July 19th, 2025	2	1,030	1,020
71	July	Sunday	July 20th, 2025	2	630	395
72	July	Monday	July 21st, 2025	4	6,818	7,652
73	July	Tuesday	July 22nd, 2025	2	5,987	6,922
74	July	Wednesday	July 23rd, 2025	2	4,196	4,227
75	July	Thursday	July 24th, 2025	3	7,278	8,137
76	July	Friday	July 25th, 2025	1	1,950	1,624
77	July	Sunday	July 27th, 2025	2	5,110	5,707
78	July	Monday	July 28th, 2025	4	5,712	6,078
79	July	Tuesday	July 29th, 2025	3	4,839	5,815
80	July	Wednesday	July 30th, 2025	2	6,284	7,126
81	July	Thursday	July 31st, 2025	2	3,947	4,342
82	August	Friday	August 1st, 2025	2	810	802
83	August	Saturday	August 2nd, 2025	3	1,960	1,924
84	August	Sunday	August 3rd, 2025	1	100	112
85	August	Monday	August 4th, 2025	3	6,758	7,549
86	August	Tuesday	August 5th, 2025	2	3,350	3,844
87	August	Wednesday	August 6th, 2025	2	6,284	7,120
88	August	Thursday	August 7th, 2025	2	5,735	6,464
89	August	Friday	August 8th, 2025	2	3,022	2,861

90	August	Sunday	August 10th, 2025	2	4,240	4,854	
91	August	Monday	August 11th, 2025	4	6,432	5,551	
92	August	Tuesday	August 12th, 2025	3	4,839	5,616	
93	August	Wednesday	August 13th, 2025	2	6,284	7,006	
94	August	Thursday	August 14th, 2025	2	3,940	4,017	
95	August	Friday	August 15th, 2025	1	750	721	
96	August	Saturday	August 16th, 2025	2	1,030	1,021	
97	August	Sunday	August 17th, 2025	1	100	111	
98	August	Monday	August 18th, 2025	3	6,758	7,105	
99	August	Tuesday	August 19th, 2025	2	5,987	6,656	
100	August	Wednesday	August 20th, 2025	2	2,164	2,147	
101	August	Thursday	August 21st, 2025	3	6,088	6,661	
102	August	Friday	August 22nd, 2025	2	1,860	1,798	
103	August	Saturday	August 23rd, 2025	1	2,092	1,957	
104	August	Sunday	August 24th, 2025	1	4,180	4,556	
105	August	Monday	August 25th, 2025	3	5,204	5,478	
106	August	Tuesday	August 26th, 2025	3	4,839	5,353	
107	August	Wednesday	August 27th, 2025	2	5,991	5,942	
108	August	Thursday	August 28th, 2025	3	5,860	5,915	
109	August	Saturday	August 30th, 2025	2	160	164	
110	August	Sunday	August 31st, 2025	2	160	174	
111	September	Monday	September 1st, 2025	3	6,758	6,884	
112	September	Tuesday	September 2nd, 2025	2	6,280	6,825	
113	September	Wednesday	September 3rd, 2025	3	8,132	8,480	
114	September	Thursday	September 4th, 2025	1	1,250	1,193	
115	September	Friday	September 5th, 2025	2	3,022	2,851	
116	September	Sunday	September 7th, 2025	2	6,780	6,863	
117	September	Monday	September 8th, 2025	2	4,454	4,458	
118	September	Tuesday	September 9th, 2025	4	4,899	4,462	
119	September	Wednesday	September 10th, 2025	1	4,180	4,387	
120	September	Thursday	September 11th, 2025	1	930	902	
121	September	Friday	September 12th, 2025	2	4,637	4,525	
122	September	Saturday	September 13th, 2025	2	1,030	993	
123	September	Sunday	September 14th, 2025	1	100	103	
124	September	Monday	September 15th, 2025	3	5,850	5,745	
125	September	Tuesday	September 16th, 2025	2	6,152	0	
126	September	Wednesday	September 17th, 2025	3	7,214	0	
127	September	Thursday	September 18th, 2025	1	2,376	2,258	
128	September	Friday	September 19th, 2025	1	3,082	3,051	
129	September	Saturday	September 20th, 2025	2	3,150	2,688	
130	September	Sunday	September 21st, 2025	2	1,780	1,359	
131	September	Monday	September 22nd, 2025	2	4,216	0	
132	September	Tuesday	September 23rd, 2025	1	4,180	4,480	
133	September	Wednesday	September 24th, 2025	2	2,554	2,487	
134	September	Thursday	September 25th, 2025	1	3,887	3,849	
135	September	Tuesday	September 30th, 2025	1	4,180	4,438	
136	October	Wednesday	October 1st, 2025	1	2,104	2,057	
						579,981	TOTAL

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Cruise Dock Owner Hails Progress Over Season

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Sitka will finish its 2025 cruise season Wednesday with a visit by Holland America's 2,000-passenger Eurodam, the final ship of the season.

That will bring the total number of cruise visitors this year to 579,900 passengers, a slight drop from last year's record of 600,780, said Chris McGraw, owner of the Sitka Sound Cruise Terminal.

The total represents the actual number of passengers aboard, not the capacity, as reported by Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska. The count includes small cruise ships.

McGraw spoke today about how the season went for his cruise terminal business, the changes in the shuttle bus service, what he's heard from tenant businesses at the terminal, and feedback he's received from Sitkans. Other members of the businesses community weighed in about how their season went.

"It actually went really well from an operational standpoint," McGraw said. "We learn more and more every year, how to better provide transportation, shuttle queuing and staging, just from a passenger flow standpoint."

McGraw said staggering the arrival of two ships has been key to resolving the problem of the mid-morning rush, with all the passengers trying to get into town all at once.

“Typically we’ll have them both arrive early before eight, or we’ll have one at 8 and one at 9:30 or 10,” he said.

Another improvement has been an online shuttle reservation system which has helped with anticipating the number of buses needed for inbound and outbound trips. This has reduced the number of buses on the road, which has been a complaint by citizens.

“In years’ past,” he said, “we would have a tendency to have buses on a loop and not knowing when the increase in demand was going to come. This year, we would hold buses at the terminal. If we knew the peak (in demand) was coming at 2, for example, we would start dispatching those buses on a more frequent basis. … The goal was to have fewer buses on the road.”

The other result was fewer long lines, and queuing, for the passengers at Centennial Hall and at the terminal. McGraw is continuing to replace the larger white buses with smaller school-bus style buses, which have updated and better emissions systems. His plan is to “no longer use any of the large motor coaches” within the next two years.

The number of canceled ships this year was nine, one up from last year, and generally caused by stormy September weather. The largest passenger numbers at the dock were generally on Wednesdays, with two large ships totaling 6,100 passengers at the dock. On a handful of days, that coincided with a large vessel tendering passengers to Crescent Harbor. With the implementation of the agreement between the city and the cruise dock, the number of days with three large ship was reduced.

“Next year we will not have any days with two large ships at the dock and a ship with over 1,000 passengers tendering to Crescent Harbor,” McGraw said.

McGraw not only runs the dock but rents space at the terminal to two dozen vendors, and has had feedback from businesses. Sales were flat from 2024 to 2025 with businesses at the cruise dock, but that’s based on a lower number of visitors overall.

“I feel like travelers were upbeat … I’ve heard fewer complaints, ” he said. “The last week and the week before with our not very nice weather, passengers did seem to be a little tired of the rain. We didn’t see a significant softening of spending on retail, food and beverages. We had more tour operators at the dock, which helped disperse people better.”

He said the reviews from the ships for the year are not yet available, and are expected sometime in the winter.

“i do know for ‘24 we had good ratings from all the ships – we are one of the higher-rated ports,” he said.

McGraw opened the dock in 2012, with only a few ships using the terminal. It ramped up in 2015 with the addition of Holland America. The terminal was expanded in 2020, and cruise numbers increased dramatically with Norwegian and Royal Caribbean lines deploying more vessels to Sitka starting in 2022.

In terms of plans for next year, McGraw said the number of visitors is expected to be above 600,000. He's working on a plan for a new bus turnaround area at the corner of Oja Way and Monastery Street that would avoid conflicts at Centennial Hall.

"From a passenger standpoint there's a lot of conflict with the independent tour sales, cross traffic, food traffic, and we were in their way a lot," McGraw said. "It's very congested – I think at the new location we would do away with the jaywalking issue across Harbor Drive."

The plan is still in the works, with final details yet to be determined, including the removal of a building on Oja Way, he added.

Chamber of Commerce Director Rachel Roy said reviews from the business community have been solid for the season.

"We've seen businesses expanding, and new businesses open up this season or this year," she said.

In contrast to past seasons, she said, businesses seem to be coming up with solutions to staffing challenges, which has "lifted some of the pressures we've felt as a business community with the rapid growth after COVID. I felt like everyone this year was able to run at full capacity, and it just made it a successful season."

The three rising Sitka High School seniors were a popular addition to the Visit Sitka office, since they were well-versed with the community, and worked well with the team of mostly "seasoned Sitkans." Visit Sitka is a service provided by the Chamber.

"I enjoyed seeing our young people working in the visitor industry, which helped support Sitka's workforce needs," Roy said.

Sherri Blankenship just finished her first summer as owner of Highliner Coffee Co. and found the season was a bit of a learning experience as a business owner but was positive overall. She said the summer was busy, and she focused a lot on employee training, building a culture of self-advocacy, and employee retention.

"There were days that we did feel a little overwhelmed, but that was maybe 10 days the entire season," Blankenship said. "We did have a day we felt overwhelmed and a lot of that had to do with the bathroom, which got a lot of use." She reported tipping was down for whatever reason, but the tourists were by and large "friendly, and really nice."

Joe Ieremia, co-owner of Work & Rugged Gear Store finishing his third visitor season here, said his season went "great," from both a business and customer flow standpoint.

"One of the biggest differences is that the flow of folks through town didn't feel like it was overwhelming," he said. "The schedule of berthing, and offloading, changed the flow (of customers) for good. In the past, sometimes it was so busy the customers would just walk in and walk out. This year, the flow of folks hitting downtown; it wasn't a fire hose, it was more even."

Ieremia said the more moderated arrivals and departures of passengers through the revised shuttle system should have made it easier for residents to access downtown than in the past.

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2024 Annual Short-Term Rental Report

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Please note the following:

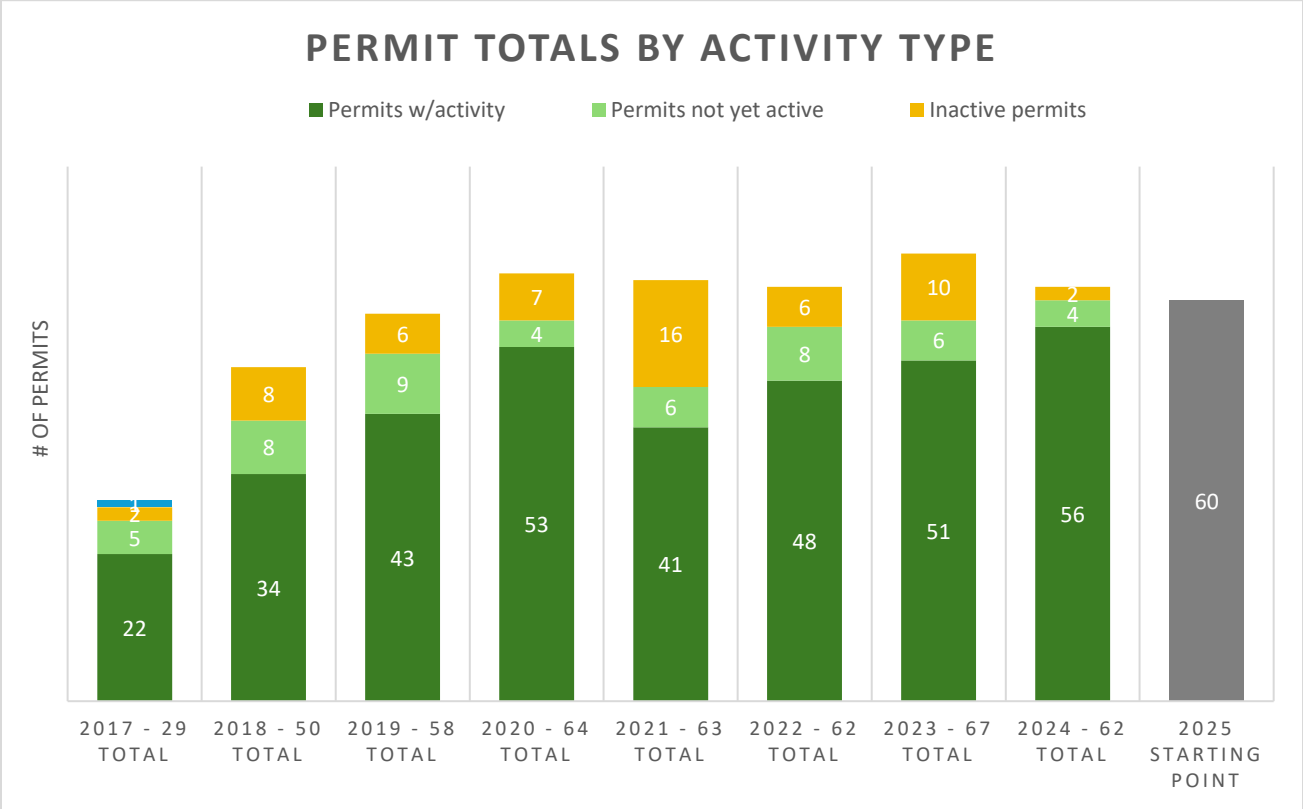
This report only covers short-term rentals or bed and breakfast establishments that operate through the conditional use permit process. This report does not have information about short-term rentals that are operated by right within the Central Business District, Commercial 1 District, Commercial 2 District, Waterfront District, General Island District, and/or Recreational District.

The term "short-term rental" or STR, will also be used to describe bed and breakfast establishments permitted through the conditional use permit (CUP) process.

A. PERMIT & FINANCIAL DATA

Permit Data	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Permits	50	58	64	63	62	67	62
Active permits in use	34	43	53	41	48	51	56
Active permits not yet use	8	9	4	6	8	6	4
Inactive permits	8	6	7	16	6	10	2
Rental Data from Active Permits							
Total nights rented	2928	3190	1788	2917	4137	3977	4465
Average nights rented (avg/permit)	86	74	30	71	86	78	72
Minimum nights rented	2	2	0	1	5	3	0
Maximum nights rented	446	259	174	205	276	250	232
Financial Data from Reporting Permits ($ USD)							
Total bed tax remitted	27,950	39,137	21,293	47,286	63,997	76,273	90,783
Total implied revenue	465,838	652,292	354,883	788,100	1,066,617	1,271,234	1,513,057
Average bed tax remitted	822	910	402	1,153	1,333	1,557	1,745
Average implied revenue per permit	13,701	15,169	6,695	19,222	22,217	25,944	29,097
Average implied nightly rental price	159	205	223	271	258	333	351
Minimum bed tax remitted	0	14	0	6	10	0	46
Maximum bed tax remitted	3,107	3,776	1,581	2,936	4,538	5,725	4,694
Maximum implied revenue	51,783	62,933	26,350	48,933	75,633	95,417	78,233

There were 62 total permits in 2024. Of the seven permits issued in 2024, four began rental activity within the calendar year and three did not. One permit issued in 2022 was given a two-year initiation period and did not begin renting in 2024. These four are the permits considered "Active permits not yet used." Two permits reported activity in 2024 but communicated the intent to deactivate in 2025. The beginning baseline of active permits as of January 1, 2025, was 56. Four permits with reported activity did not remit bed tax; staff will be following up with permit holders to resolve this issue. Those permit holders were excluded from calculations of average implied revenue and nightly price. There was a 100% response rate for all permits.



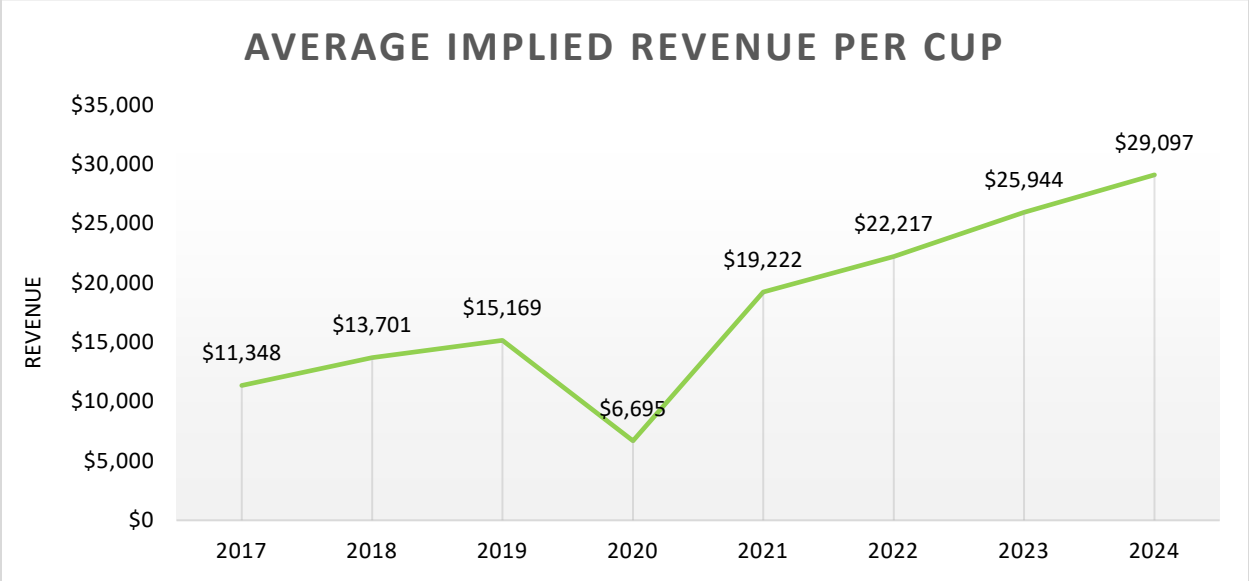
Of the 62 permit holders who responded to the report, 53 reported bed tax remittance. Sitka's bed tax on short-term rentals is 6% and the total reported bed tax remitted was $90,783; this implies total rental revenue of $1,513,057, breaking $1 million for the third year in a row and surpassing $1.5 million for the first time. Reported STR revenue exceeded 2023 revenues by 19%. Over 4,312 rental days reported by properties also reporting bed tax, the average price per night was approximately $351.

In 2023, the average nights rented per permit was 78; when considering all nights reported—including nights reported by those who did not report bed tax remittance—that number declined slightly to 72 in 2024. However, when considering only permittees who reported bed tax remittance, that number increased from 78 in 2023 to 83 in 2024.

STRs still represent a significant revenue source that could substantially offset housing expenses. Among permit holders reporting bed tax, the average revenue per permit holder is $29,097—a sizeable revenue stream for properties owners not otherwise captured at hotels, lodges, or short-term rentals/bed and breakfast establishments in other zoning districts. In comparison to long-term rentals,

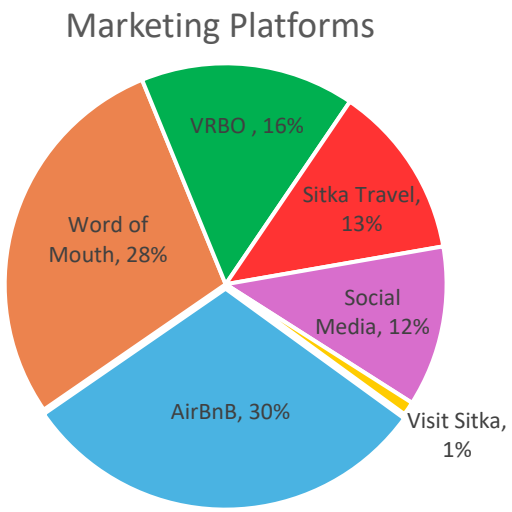
the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates that the fair market value of a two-bedroom unit in Sitka is $1,498 per month. Averaging short-term rental revenue (average per permit reporting bed tax) over twelve months, this equates to $2,425 per month while only having to rent the unit for 83 days a year.

The average implied revenue per CUP increased steadily between 2017 and 2019, dropped dramatically in 2020 due to the pandemic, and has rebounded and steadily grown since 2021.



B. MARKETING & MANAGEMENT DATA

Marketing platform data is collected to help better understand marketing trends and monitor platforms for compliance. The survey question regarding marketing platforms was optional, and 52 of the 62 permit holders surveyed responded to the question.



Most respondents listed multiple marketing platforms, such as using multiple websites, or a manager as well as a private listing site (such as Airbnb or VRBO). Airbnb was again the most popular marketing platform, followed by VRBO and local company Sitka Travel. "Word of mouth" grew from 26% in 2023 to 28% in 2024, while Airbnb decreased from 32% in 2023 to 30% in 2024.

28% of those with active permits stated that they were using professional services for property management, a slight decline from 31% in 2023, which was a decline from 46% in 2022. 56% of permittees report that they live on the property with the short-term rental and are present when the

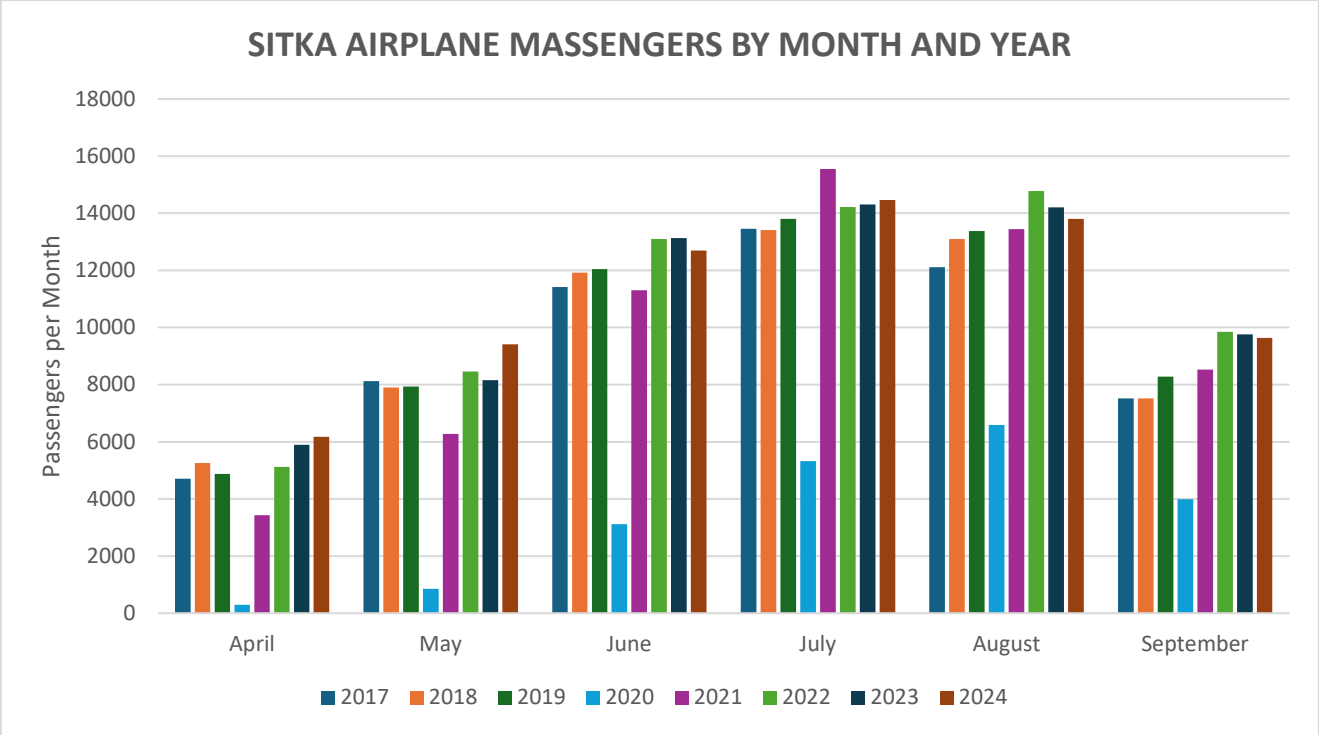
unit is rented—the same proportion as in 2023—18% personally monitor the property when it is rented, and 26% are not present on the property when it is rented.

C. VISITATION – ENPLANEMENT

Short-term rentals primarily serve independent travelers who arrive in Sitka via commercial airlines. Beginning in the 2021 report, enplanement data was presented to understand visitation numbers and the strength of the independent travel market.

2024 enplanement from the months of April through September was about 1% higher than enplanement in 2023. Comparing the two years, enplanement was slightly higher in April and July of 2024, with a 15% increase (1,253 additional passengers) in May. Decreases in enplanement were observed in June (438-passenger, or 3% decrease), August (400-passenger, or 3% decrease), and September (123-passenger, or 1% decrease). The consistent level of enplanement between 2022 and 2024 is particularly interesting in the context of the increase in total nights rented (10%) in 2024 from 2023, and more of note as the increase follows a slight decline (4%) in total rental nights in 2023 from 2022. This could imply that in 2024, travel was absorbed more by residential short-term rentals than by hotels, lodges, and short-term rentals in commercial zones; that there was less resident travel; that there was less travel by family and friends of residents who might stay as house guests; that there was less day-travel from nearby communities; and/or that there was a decrease in non-permitted short-term rentals.

Summer enplanement has grown 15% since 2017, and total yearly enplanement has grown by 13%. Enplanement in the summer months as a proportion of total year enplanement was consistently two-thirds 2017-2019, dipped to 53% in 2020, reached a high of 74% in 2021, was 70% in 2022, and 68% in 2023 and 2024.



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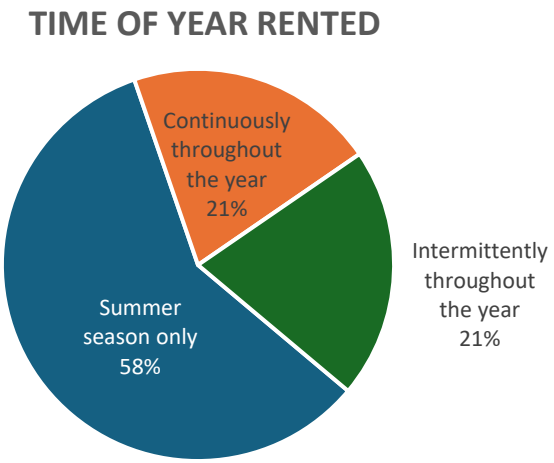
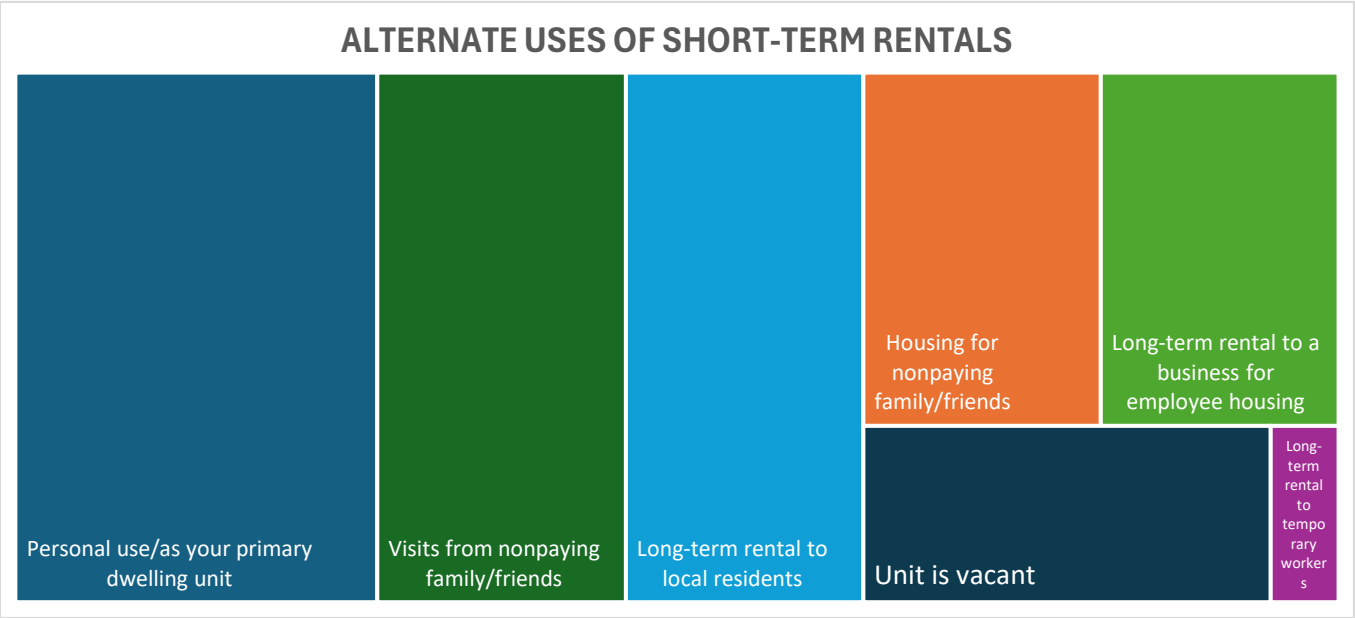
D. USE DATA

Following the inclusion of information regarding use of units when not short-term rented and the type of visitors utilizing short-term rentals in 2023, an optional portion of the annual report was again included in the 2024 survey. Nearly 97% of permittees elected to participate in this part of the report.



Respondents predominantly short-term rent their units in the summer months (defined as April – September) which was consistent with general assumptions/expectations, and data collected in 2023's report. There was an even split (21%) between those who rent continuously throughout the year and for intermittent periods throughout the year. Respondents were not asked whether they short-term rent solely in the winter months.

Alternate Uses of Short-Term Rentals



As in the 2023 report, respondents were able to select all options they felt applied to alternative uses for their units when not short-term rented.

Personal use, including the unit serving as the permittee's primary dwelling unit, was the highest use. Visits from family and friends received the second-most responses, followed closely by long-term renting to local residents.

A continued area of interest has been whether units are alternatively used as long-term rentals when not rented short-term. In total, 41% of respondents indicated use of the unit as a long-term rental for part of the year; their responses are further detailed below:

Long-Term Rentals To:	
Local residents, no additional uses	23%
Local residents in combination with other uses	18%
Temporary employees, no additional uses	0%
Temporary employees in combination with other uses	18%
Local residents and temporary employees, no additional uses	14%
Local residents, temporary employees, and additional uses	41%

For responses indicating long-term rental use by local residents as their only alternate use of the unit (8% of total permits), of those five permits, four (7% of total permits) are short-term rented in the summer only which means they could potentially provide up to 6 months of housing for local residents. The remaining permit is rented continuously throughout the year.

Use by visiting family and friends was also common at times when units were not short-term rented. A little over one-third of respondents reported using their short-term rental to house nonpaying visitors. Slightly less than three-quarters of respondents who indicated use by houseguests also indicated additional use; 50% reported use as housing for nonpaying family/friends, and 50% reported long-term rental use. Two permit-holders reported using their units solely for housing for nonpaying family and friends when not rented short-term.

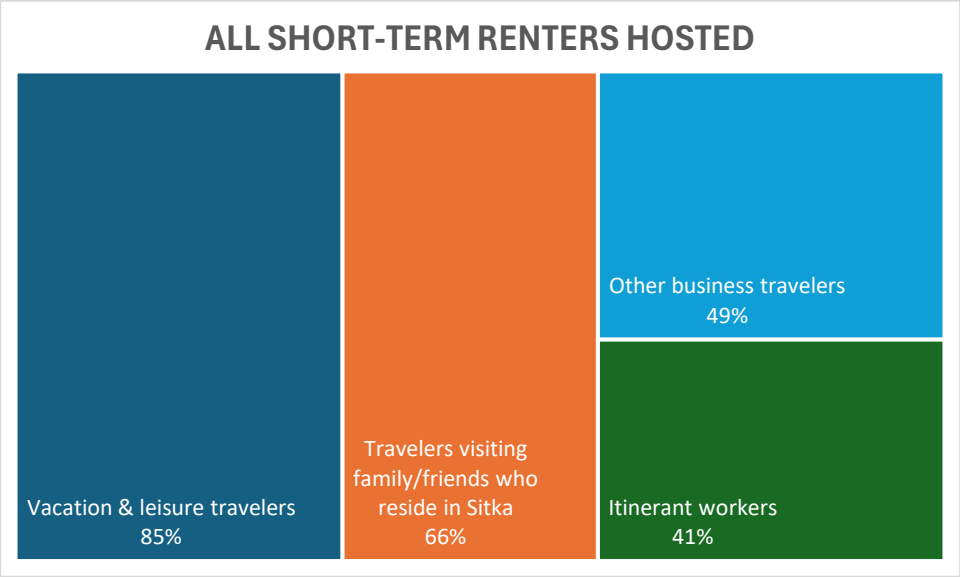
Slightly over a quarter of respondents reported personal use or use as a primary dwelling unit as the only alternative use of a short-term rental unit. Such reporting might be an indication of the use of short-term rentals as a method of subsidizing the high cost of home ownership in Sitka.

There has also been continued interest in understanding how many units are vacant when not used as short-term rentals. Of the 11 respondents who reported that the unit is vacant, slightly less than half indicated no other additional uses. 45% reported use by visitors, 18% reported housing use by other family/friends, and 27% reported occasional long-term rental use.

Visitor Characteristics

Respondents were asked to characterize the primary users of their short-term rentals, as well as users overall. 79% of respondents said vacation and leisure travelers were their primary users, followed by 14% travelers visiting family/friends who reside in Sitka, 3% business travel, and 3% itinerant workers.

When looking at all short-term renters hosted by permittees, the proportions between vacation and leisure travelers, those visiting Sitkans, and work-related travel is fairly even. The question differentiated between itinerant workers such as those who come to work for Sitka for short, infrequent, or intermittent periods such as a those providing specialized repair services, visiting researchers or artists, etc., temporary employees like traveling nurses, and other business travelers such as those visiting for meetings or conferences.



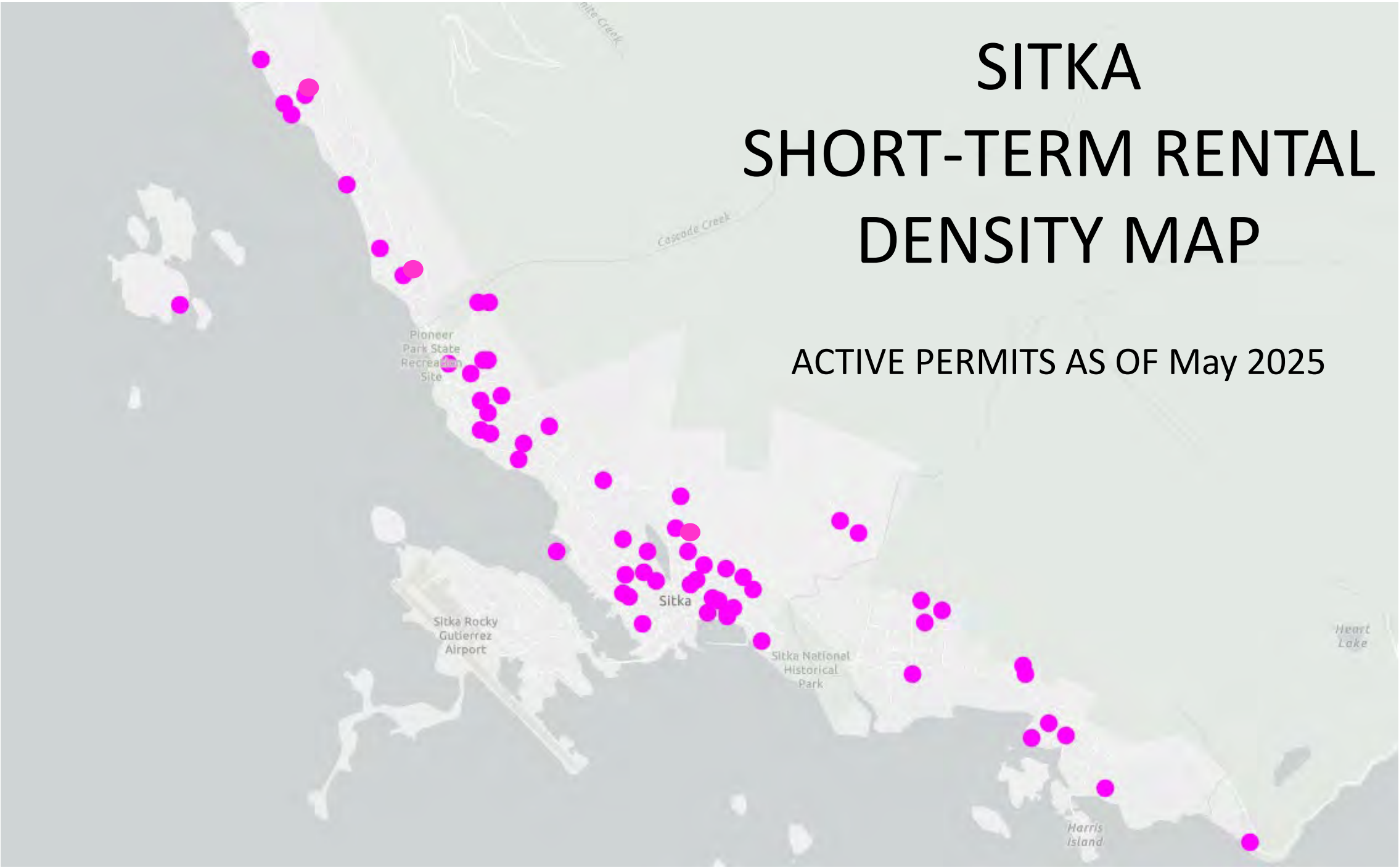
85% of hosts reported hosting vacation and leisure travelers; 22% reported that these visitors were their only short-term renters. 10% reported only having guests who were visiting Sitkans. 42% reported hosting all four categories of short-term renters.

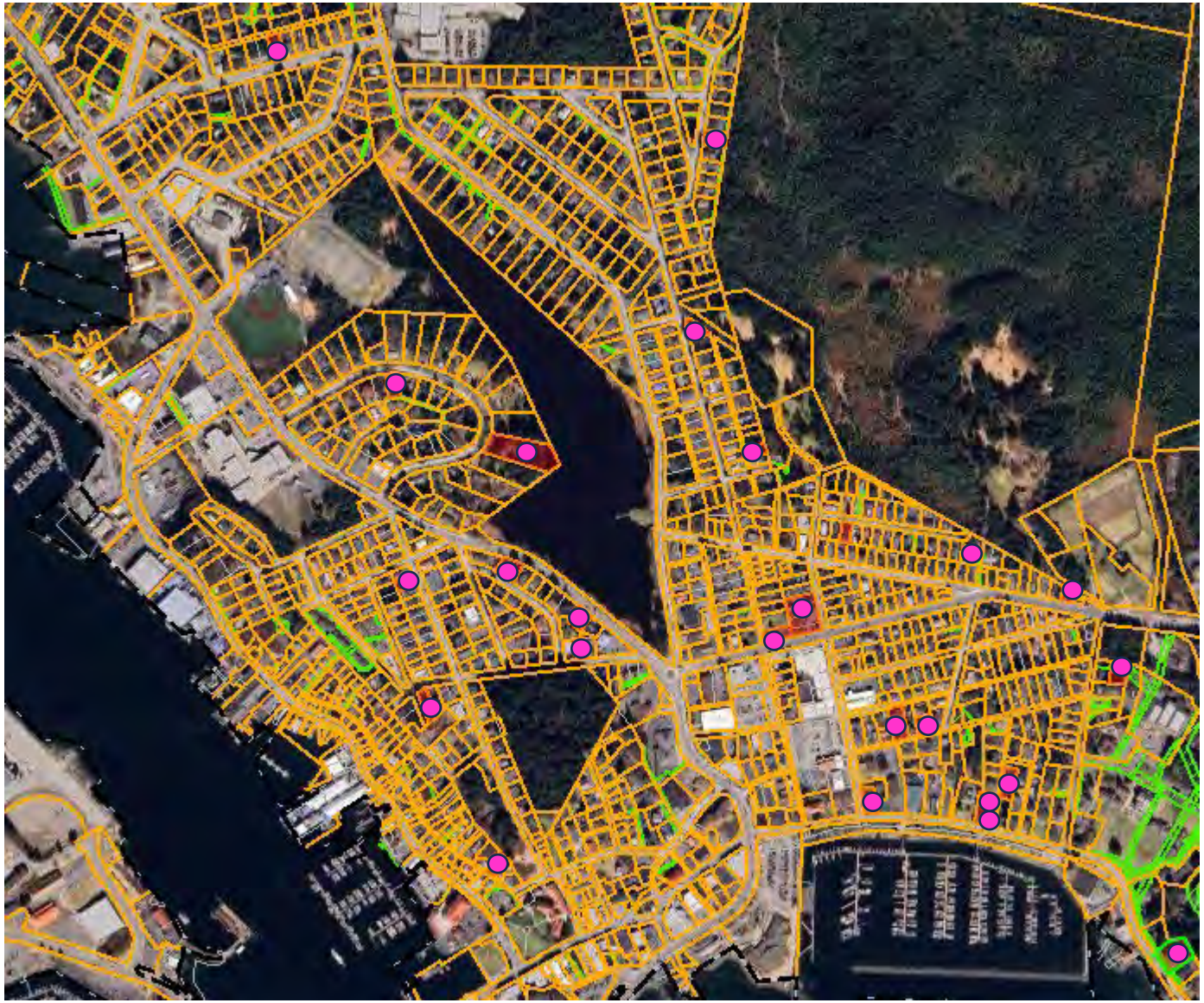
E. SHORT-TERM RENTAL DENSITY MAPS

The density maps produced depicting the locations of active short-term rental permits demonstrate similar trends from previous years—STRs are generally concentrated in the downtown area and the Edgecumbe Drive/connectors area.

SITKA
SHORT-TERM RENTAL DENSITY MAP

ACTIVE PERMITS AS OF May 2025





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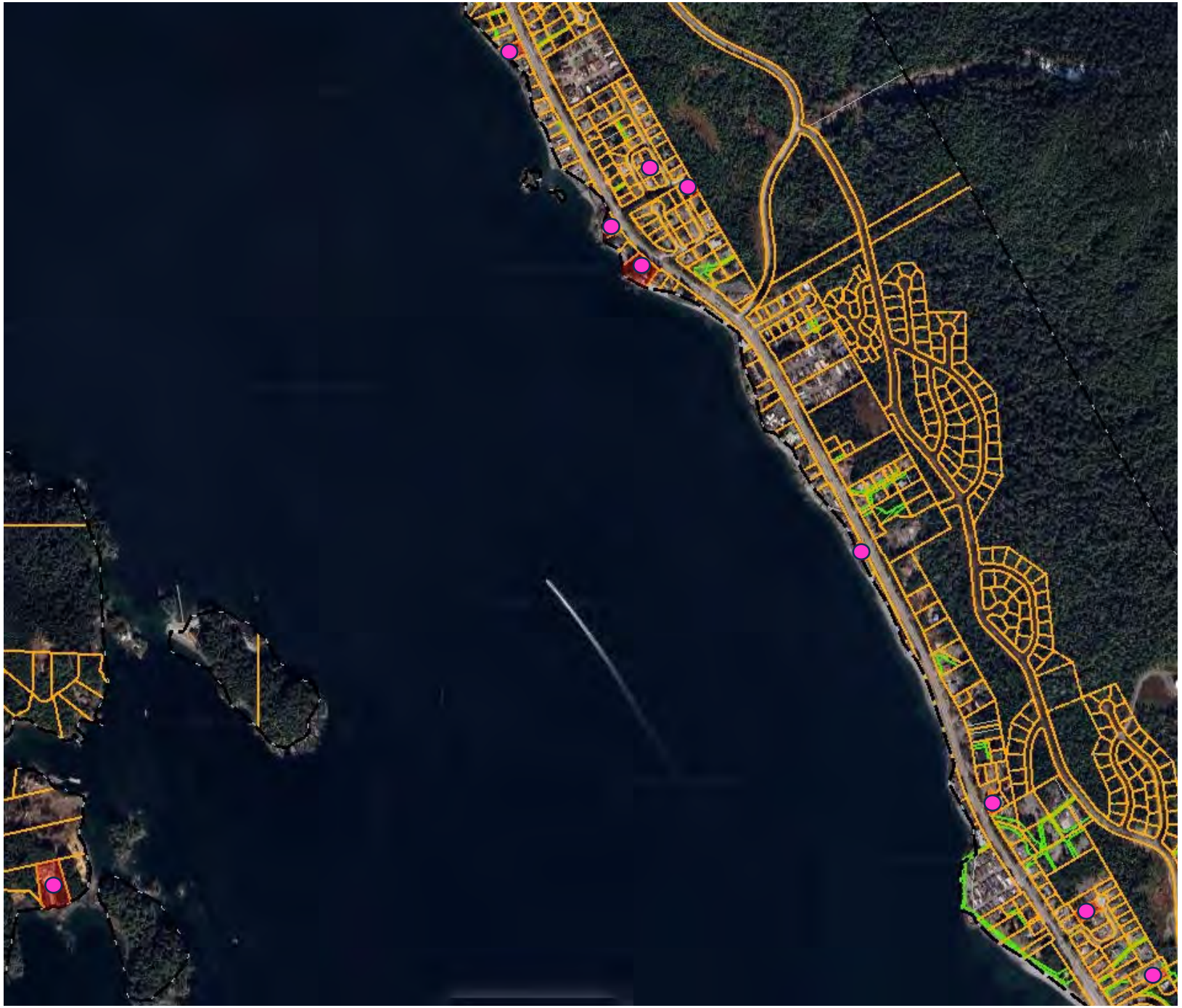

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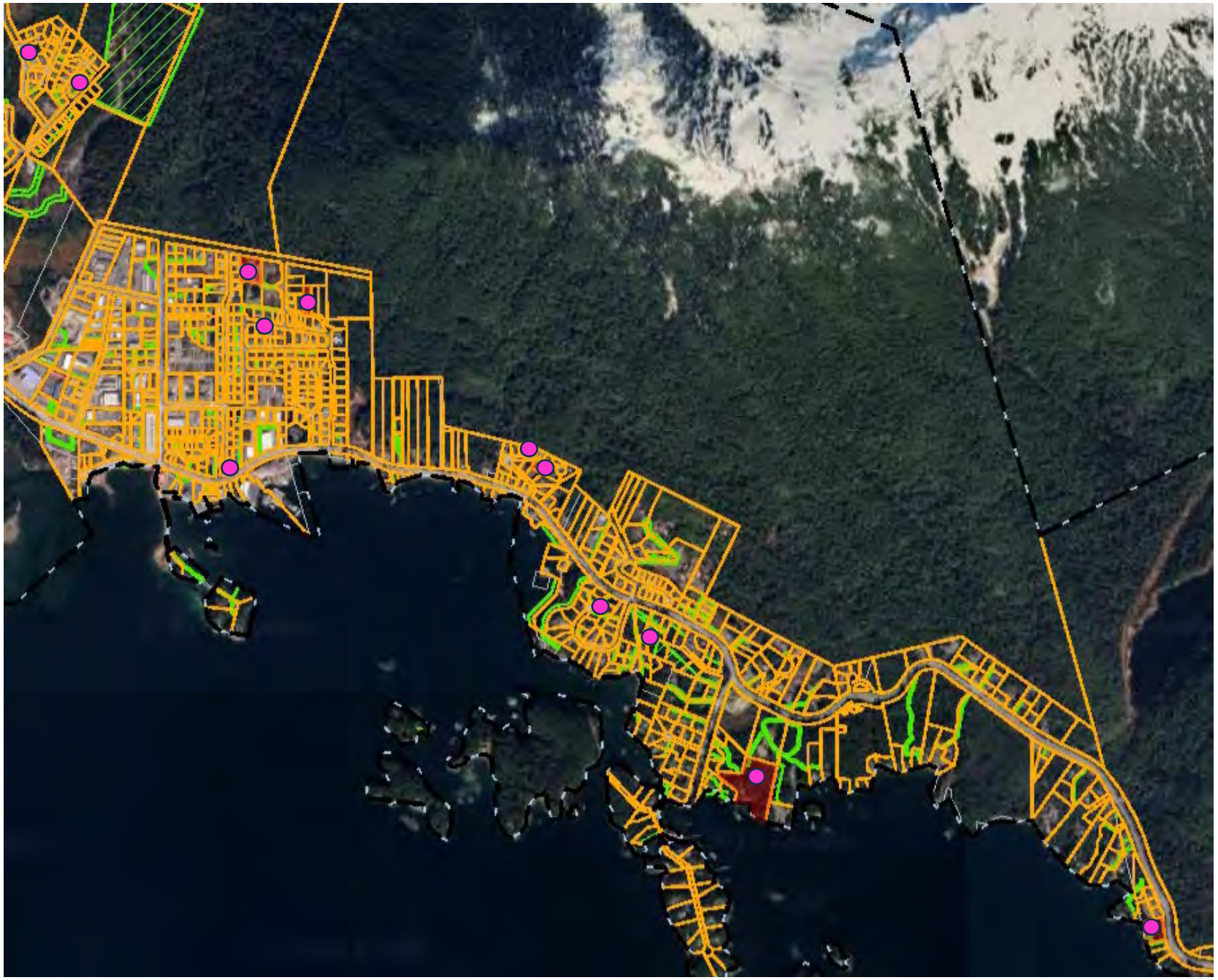

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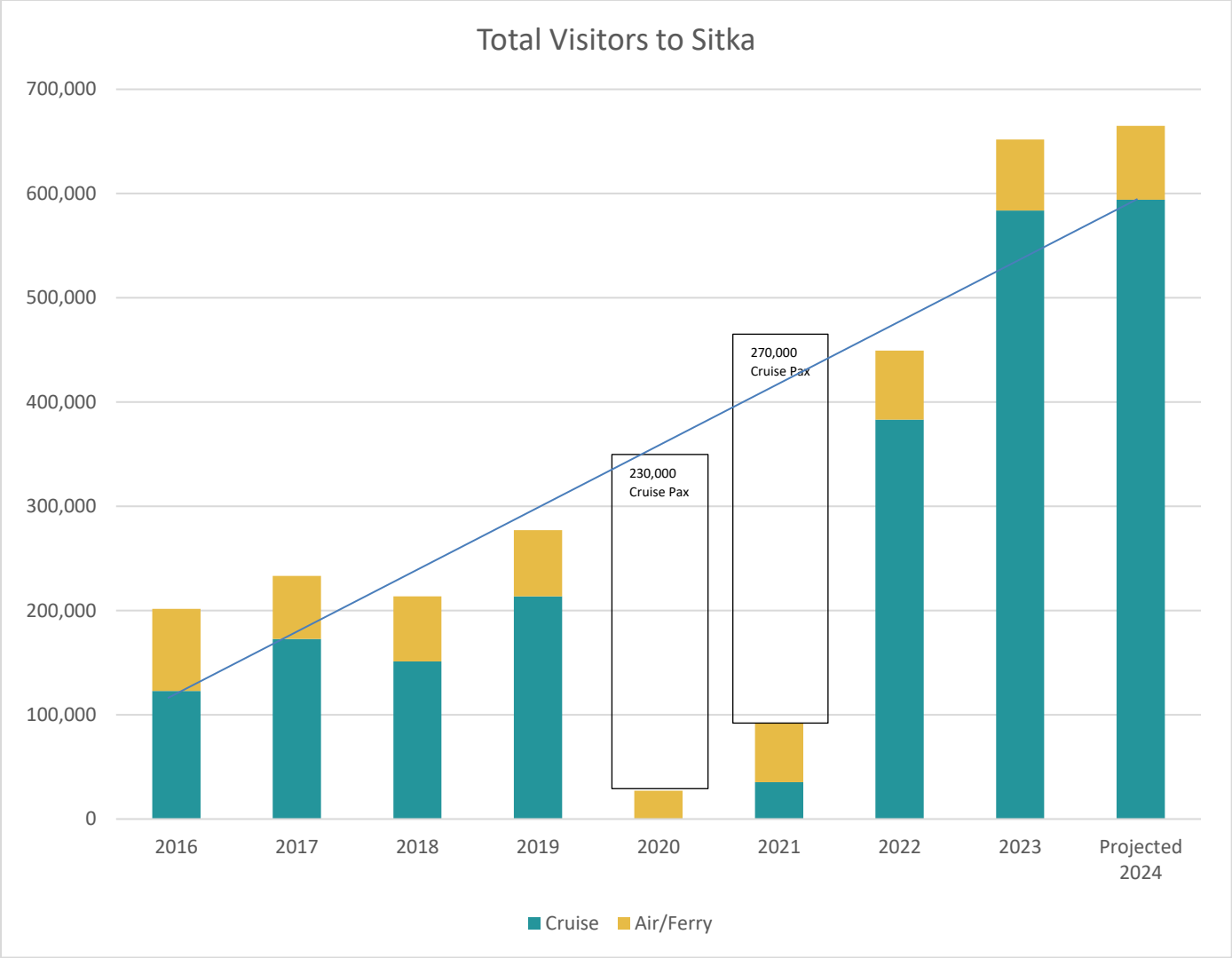

There has been an upward trend in air passengers into Sitka since 2009. While the pandemic hit the travel

Number of passengers to SIT Airport

Year	*Airport passengers*	*Independent Travelers*
2023	95,794	66,673
2022	93,550	65,111
2021	79,604	55,404
2020	38,235	26,612
2019	89,518	62,305
2018	87,782	61,096
2017	85,375	59,421

*69.6% of Domestic Air passengers are visitors

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NONRESIDENTS
WORKING IN ALASKA

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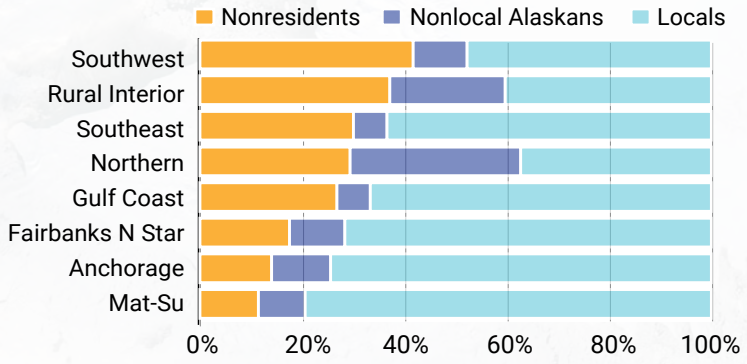
Worker residency by area



	Local residents	Nonlocal residents	Nonres-idents	Total workers	Percent nonres
Bristol Bay Borough	322	483	3,988	4,793	83.2
Aleutians East Borough	631	238	2,198	3,067	71.7
Denali Borough	610	540	2,648	3,798	69.7
Skagway, Municipality	461	105	1,136	1,702	66.7
Aleutians West Census Area	1,614	401	2,829	4,844	58.4
Lake and Peninsula Borough	528	271	1,064	1,863	57.1
Chugach Census Area	2,537	672	3,048	6,257	48.7
Dillingham Census Area	1,748	332	1,591	3,671	43.3
Sitka, City and Borough	3,498	369	2,815	6,682	42.1
Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	696	155	618	1,469	42.1
Petersburg Borough	1,114	93	749	1,956	38.3
Yakutat, City and Borough	256	60	194	510	38.0
North Slope Borough	3,090	7,204	5,832	16,126	36.2
Haines Borough	831	107	415	1,353	30.7
Copper River Census Area	815	244	435	1,494	29.1
Kodiak Island Borough	4,844	431	2,165	7,440	29.1
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	5,915	707	2,675	9,297	28.8
Southeast Fairbanks CA	1,908	968	1,019	3,895	26.2
Prince of Wales-Hyder CA	2,112	200	778	3,090	25.2
Juneau, City and Borough	14,562	1,228	4,672	20,462	22.8
Northwest Arctic Borough	2,742	1,078	1,115	4,935	22.6
Kenai Peninsula Borough	20,872	1,496	6,027	28,395	21.2
Wrangell, City and Borough	693	79	207	979	21.1
Fairbanks North Star Borough	33,043	4,989	8,071	46,103	17.5
Nome Census Area	4,092	593	858	5,543	15.5
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	2,075	1,061	557	3,693	15.1
Anchorage, Municipality	116,794	18,048	21,989	156,831	14.0
Bethel Census Area	7,499	1,311	1,343	10,153	13.2
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	28,780	3,309	4,146	36,235	11.4
Kusilvak Census Area	2,898	324	287	3,509	8.2
Offshore	0	292	3,655	3,947	92.6
Other/Unknown	3	4,141	3,540	7,684	46.1
Total	267,583	51,529	92,664	411,776	22.5

Nonresidents work in every borough and census area, with the largest numbers in the most populated areas and several smaller places with significant seafood processing, tourism, or resource extraction. The North Slope and Bristol Bay boroughs are examples.

Nonresident percentages tend to be highest in areas with small populations and significant seafood processing, tourism, or resource extraction. Nonresidents accounted for a majority of the workers in several areas with small populations and dominant seasonal seafood processing or tourism.

In contrast, nonresidents tend to account for smaller shares of the workforces in rural areas where seafood processing, tourism, and resource extraction are absent and in more populated areas with diversified economies.

The department also uses place of work information from wage records and place of residence from PFD applications to determine whether residents lived and worked in the same borough or census area. Overall, 84 percent of Alaska residents lived and worked in the same area in 2023, and 16 percent lived in one area and worked in another. (Appendix A-2 provides a detailed matrix.)

Locals accounted for at least half of workers in close to two-thirds of the boroughs and census areas, with the highest local worker percentages found in areas with the largest propulations or without significant seafood processing, tourism, or extraction.

The largest group of nonlocals commutes from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to Anchorage. However, the North Slope Borough has the largest nonlocal percentage by far and was the only area where nonlocals were a plurality of workers.