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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

DATE: November 24, 2025

FROM: Kristina Serezhenkov, Local Government Specialist

RE: For board consideration: City and Borough of Sitka petition for additional Restaurant or Eating Place licenses under AS 04.11.405

The City and Borough of Sitka submitted a petition to the board in accordance with AS 04.11.405 requesting 3 additional Restaurant or Eating Place licenses (REPL's) under AS 04.09.210. The City and Borough of Sitka currently have 8 REPL's which is above the population limit allowing for 6. At this time, there are no Seasonal Restaurant or Eating Place Tourism licenses (SREPTL) under AS 04.09.360 issued in Sitka.

AS 04.11.405(b) states that following a public hearing, the board may issue one or more additional REPLs under AS 04.09.210, within the boundaries of the municipality, ***if the board finds that***

(1) the municipality

(A) serves as a center for commercial activity within and outside the boundaries of the municipality by providing goods and services to a population that is greater than the permanent resident population within the boundaries of the municipality;

Paragraph 2 of the resolution. The current population count within the City and Borough of Sitka is 8,063.

(B) maintains a local law enforcement department;

Paragraph 4 of the resolution.

(C) exercises planning or land use authority; and

Paragraph 5 of the resolution.

(D) at the time of the petition, meets or exceeds the maximum limit under AS 04.11.400(a) for restaurant or eating place licenses issued under AS 04.09.210;

Paragraph 6 of the resolution. AMCO shows 6 available REPL's in Sitka and 8 currently active REPL's.

(2) the number of additional licenses does not exceed the number of additional licenses requested by the municipality in the petition; and

Paragraphs 3 and 7 of the resolution.

(3) granting the additional licenses is in the public interest.

Paragraph 8 of the resolution.

The City and Borough of Sitka resolution includes the following required information:

(1) information demonstrating that the petitioner meets the criteria in (b) of this section;

Paragraphs 2-8 of the resolution.

(2) the most recent estimate of the number of people who claim residency or work outside the boundaries of the municipality and who are served by the municipality, including the

(A) population located outside the boundaries of the municipality that relies on the municipality for goods and services;

Paragraph 3 of the resolution.

(B) visitor population; and

Paragraph 3 of the resolution.

(C) nonresident worker population that resides in the municipality, but that is not counted in the latest federal or state census for the municipality;

Paragraph 3 of the resolution.

(3) the number of existing restaurant or eating place licenses

(A) within the boundaries of the municipality;

Paragraph 6 of the resolution.

(B) in a geographic area that the municipality serves under (2) of this subsection;

AMCO comments: AMCO assesses this count to be zero due to the isolated (fly-in) geographic location of the City and Borough of Sitka.

(4) information showing that the number of additional licenses requested does not exceed one license for each 1,500 population of the population identified under (2) of this subsection;

Paragraph 3 and 7 of the resolution.

If the board grants the City and Borough of Sitka's petition for additional restaurant or eating place licenses under AS 04.11.405, the board may not authorize additional restaurant or eating place licenses to the same municipality under this statute for the following year (04.11.405(d)).

Kristina Serezhenkov, Local Government Liason

Attachments:

1. Sitka Resolution 2025-11A
2. Sitka Draft Worksheet
3. Letter from Sitka and Supporting Documentation
4. AMCO Report of Active REPL's within Sitka shows Seasonality
5. Public Comment Letter from Michelle Kavouras, Prevention Director, Sitka Counseling and Prevention Services