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APPLICATION FOR A **COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS PERMIT UNDER SGC 6.25.030(C)(6)** **FOR AN HCH PLAZA VENDOR SPACE IN 2026 (BY BID)**

Pursuant to Sitka General Code (SGC) Chapter 6.25, the City and Borough of Sitka (CBS), through its Harrigan Centennial Hall (HCH) Manager, will designate and assign six (6) spaces in the HCH Plaza for vendors conducting commercial operations involving organized excursions in 2026.

A. Process and procedure:

1. An application will be accepted only from a person who has, or upon issuance of the permit, will have the legal authority to act in accordance with the permit. The application must be signed by the owners of the business to be subject to the permit. The HCH Manager may require an applicant to submit evidence of authority to apply for the permit.
2. An application must be on forms provided by the CBS which are available at the office of the HCH Manager at 330 Harbor Drive, Sitka, Alaska 99835. An application will not be considered unless it is complete, signed, and filed together with any required attachments or exhibits at the office of the HCH Manager.
3. Applications for 2026 are available online or at the front desk at Harrigan Centennial Hall. Applications must be filed on or before **January 8, 2026**, to be eligible for a 2026 permit.
4. Information required to be provided by applicant in application:
 - a. Name of each individual and/or business entity responsible for conducting business under the permit. Each person listed shall be jointly and individually responsible for compliance with the permit;
 - b. The permanent, temporary, local, and foreign residence and mailing address of each person responsible for conducting business under the permit;
 - c. Current phone numbers and email addresses of each person responsible for conducting business under the permit;
 - d. A copy of a current driver's license or other government identification card which includes a photograph, date of birth, and a written physical description of the applicant;
 - e. Physical descriptions and license numbers of each vehicle to be used in conducting business under the permit; and
 - f. A description of the commercial operations being conducted by the business.
5. Bid process and procedure:
 - a. Six (6) spaces designated by the HCH Manager are available for assignment;

- b. The application must be filed by **January 8th, 2026**, at **4:00 p.m.** at the office of the HCH Manager, and any noncompliant applications will be rejected and returned with a written statement of reasons for rejection (which the applicant may cure, if submitted on or before the application deadline);
- c. Spaces will be assigned to successful bidders at an open outcry auction conducted by the HCH Manager or his/her designee;
- d. The auction will be conducted in accordance with standard procedures determined by the HCH Manager as approved by the Municipal Administrator, and will be held at HCH on **January 9th, 2026**, starting at **10:00am**;
- e. The minimum/starting bid for a space is \$2,500 per year of a “permit term,” which is for three consecutive calendar years for the period from April 1st through December 31st of each of those calendar years;
- f. The auctioneer will auction off the six (6) designated spaces by offering an undetermined space location for three-year term duration, and each successful bidder will then choose a space location, as available;
- g. Successful bidders must pay their bid for each calendar year of the permit term, or a prorated amount if prepayment is made, before March 1st of each calendar year of the permit term, or else the permit shall be forfeited, and the space shall be forfeited, and the space will be rebid;
- h. Permittees may prepay permit fees; however, no prepaid permit fees shall be refunded for any calendar year of the permit term unless the permittee gives prior written notice of termination before March 1st of a calendar year within the permit term; and
- i. Successful bidders must provide the HCH Manager with a broker’s certificate of insurance showing that the applicant has obtained public liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000, in which the CBS is named as an additional insured and the insurer is required to notify the CBS if the policy is modified, canceled, or terminated, within ten (10) days of notice, before March 1st of each calendar year of the permit term, or else the permit shall be forfeited, and the space will be rebid.

B. Eligibility requirements – applicants must:

- 1. Pursuant to SGC 6.25.030(C)(1)(a), hold a current Alaska business license and submit a copy of the same with their application.
- 2. Pursuant to SGC 6.25.030(C)(1)(b), maintain a place of business under the name on the Alaska business license within the boundaries of the CBS.
- 3. Pursuant to SGC 6.25.030(C)(1)(c), maintain a year-round place of business and mailing address in the CBS, and must designate a single individual by physical address, mailing address, and phone number in the CBS upon whom service of notices and legal proceedings may be made.
- 4. Pursuant to SGC 6.25.030(C)(2), not have an overdue debt with the CBS, of any kind whatsoever, and submit written verification of the same from the CBS Finance Department with their application.

5. Pursuant to SGC 6.25.030(C)(3), not have a permit issued under SGC 6.25.030 revoked in the last two calendar years before April 1st of the permit year, unless upon appeal issued by the CBS Administrator for good cause shown by the applicant.

6. Pursuant to SGC 6.25.030(E)(5), not been convicted of a felony or certain misdemeanors listed and submit written proof from the State of Alaska of the same.

C. Applicant information (attach sheet, if necessary):

Applicant name (person or business)							
Contact person		Name					
		Address					
		Email					
		Phone(s)					
Business		Name					
		Address					
		Email					
		Phone(s)					
Agent for receiving service		Name					
		Address					
		Email					
		Phone(s)					
Description of commercial operation							
Vehicle(s)		Year	Make	Model	Color	License #	Registration #
(attach sheet, if necessary)	(1)						
	(2)						
	(3)						
	(4)						
	(5)						

Checklist of documents to be included with application:

- ☐ Driver's license or other government identification card (copy).
- ☐ Alaska business license (copy).
- ☐ Verification of no overdue debt with the CBS (from the CBS Finance Department) (original).
- ☐ Criminal history (from the State of Alaska) (copy).

Checklist of fees/documents required before March 1st:

- ☐ Permit fees – the bid amount for each year of permit term (cash or certified check).

☐ Certificate of Insurance (copy).

D. Applicant acknowledgment:

By signing this application, applicant acknowledges, agrees, and certifies as follows:

1. To be bound to by all the terms and conditions of the permit, if issued, and to abide by those terms and conditions and any other additional terms, conditions, provisions, limitations, rules (copy attached), and regulations established by the HCH Manager.
2. To be bound by all the terms, conditions, and provisions set forth in SGC Chapter 6.25 (copy attached);
3. To indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the CBS from any and all claims for injury or damage to persons or property suffered in connection with its activities unless such injury or damage is caused by the intentional misconduct or gross negligence of the CBS;
4. The permit may not be assigned or transferred;
5. The permittee has no property right in the permit; and
6. The CBS makes no representations concerning and assumes no responsibility for or regarding any goods or services sold or activities by permittee or any of permittee's employees, agents, representatives, contractors, or customers.

Applicant signature

Date

Owner signature
(if different than Applicant)

Date

Owner signature
(if different than Applicant)

Date

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The Applicant is hereby /granted/ denied/ (circle one) a Commercial Operations Permit for an HCH Plaza vendor space and, if granted, under the terms and conditions as follows:

1. The space assigned is space number _____, as shown on the attached diagram.
2. The term of the permit is from April 1st through December 31st for each calendar year of the permit term.
3. Commercial operations involving organized excursions may only be conducted in the space assigned.
4. This permit is not renewable. A new application must be submitted once this permit terminates at the end of the permit term.
5. This permit may not be assigned or transferred.
6. Portable or mobile signs are limited to two per permittee and shall not be more than three feet wide and four feet from the ground. Any signs used by permittee must comply with SGC Section 6.25.030(C)(5).
7. Any vehicle(s) used by permittee for loading/unloading within the designated loading areas at the HCH Plaza and the O'Connell Bridge Tendering Facility must have a Commercial Vehicle Loading/Unloading Permit under SGC Section 6.25.040.
8. Additional terms, conditions, provisions, and limitations (if any):

By signing the permit, the HCH Manager, acknowledges, agrees, and certifies as follows:

1. Applicant has submitted a compliant application;
2. Applicant is fit, willing, and able to comply with the permit and the law;
3. Granting the permit satisfies public convenience and necessity; and
4. Any additional terms, conditions, provisions, and limitations imposed in the permit are deemed appropriate as to public health, safety, and welfare.

HCH Manager signature

Date