

# SAMPLE BALLOT

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER:** To vote for the issue/candidate of your choice, **fill in the oval next to the issue/candidate you want to vote for.** Place your ballot inside the secrecy sleeve and then take your ballot to the ballot box.

If you make a mistake while voting, return the ballot to the election official for a new one.  
**A vote which has been erased or changed will not be counted.**

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
REGULAR ELECTION  
OCTOBER 3, 2023**

**Instructions:**

To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice like this: ●

Use a blue or black ink pen to mark your ballot. **NO RED INK.** If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, fill in the oval and print the person's name on the blank line provided for a write-in candidate.

<b>FOR ASSEMBLY THREE to be elected Vote for no more than 3</b>	<b>PROPOSITION NO. 1</b>
<p><input type="radio"/> Timothy Pike</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JJ Carlson</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Austin Wayne Cranford</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Scott K. Saline</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	<p>Shall the Home Rule Charter of the City and Borough of Sitka be amended to expand the persons eligible to hold the office of a school board member to include municipal employees of the City and Borough of Sitka?</p> <p>Informational: See Ordinance 2023-16. This amendment to the Home Rule Charter would allow municipal employees of the City and Borough of Sitka to be eligible to hold the office of a school board member. This would not apply to Sitka School District employees.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<b>FOR SCHOOL BOARD THREE to be elected Vote for no more than 3</b>	<b>PROPOSITION NO. 2</b>
<p><input type="radio"/> Tom Williams</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	<p>Shall the Sitka General Code be amended to adopt a seasonal sales tax increase starting in 2024 of one additional percentage point, from five percent to six percent, from April 1 through September 30 of each year, and dedicate the revenue generated to fund either directly or by paying debt service on the maintenance, repair, replacement, and/or construction of school building infrastructure?</p> <p>Informational: See Ordinance 2023-15. A seasonal sales tax of six percent, previously in effect, ended on June 30, 2023.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>

The following pages include all referenced ordinances:

- Ordinance 2023-16 is referenced in Proposition No. 1
- Ordinance 2023-15 is referenced in Proposition No. 2

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-16

**BALLOT PROPOSITION OCTOBER 3, 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE II “THE ASSEMBLY”, SECTION 2.11 “PROHIBITIONS”, OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA, BY PERMITTING SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO HOLD MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT, OTHER THAN WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, DURING THEIR TERM OF OFFICE AND THE YEAR AFTER VACATING OFFICE; AND, SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF SUCH AN AMENDMENT TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS AT THE REGULAR ELECTION ON OCTOBER 3, 2023**

**PASSED / FAILED at the MUNICIPAL ELECTION on October 3, 2023**

**YES -**

**NO -**

**1. CLASSIFICATION.** All sections of this ordinance, except section 5 regarding the ballot proposition, are of a permanent nature, with section 4 intended to become a part of the Home Rule Charter of the City and Borough of Sitka (“Charter”), if approved by the qualified voters at the October 3, 2023, regular election.

**2. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this ordinance or any application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and application to any person or circumstances shall not be affected.

**3. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to expand the persons eligible to hold the office of a school board member to include municipal employees, other than with the school district, during his/her term of office or for the period of one year after vacating his/her office, with the understanding that municipal employees, other than with the school district, shouldn’t be prohibited from being a school board member on the basis of an inherent conflict of interest and/or bias. The school district, although a department of the city and borough, is essentially autonomous from the city and borough as to management and operations. It follows that being a municipal employee, other than with the school district, does not create a disqualifying conflict of interest or bias.

**4. ENACTMENT.** NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that Article II, entitled “The Assembly”, Section 2.11, entitled “Prohibitions”, of the Charter, is amended to read as follows (new language underlined; deleted language stricken):

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**HOME RULE CHARTER  
ARTICLE II  
THE ASSEMBLY**

\* \* \*

**Section 2.11 Prohibitions**

(a) **Other Public Office or Employment.** After December 2, 1971 no elected municipal officer shall hold any other elective public office, municipal office, or municipal employment during his/her term of office, nor shall he/she hold any compensated appointive municipal office or municipal employment for a period of one year after vacating his office, other than membership on a board or commission, except an elected school board member may hold municipal employment, other than with the school district, during his/her term of office or for the period of one year after vacating his/her office. The relationship of independent contractor for goods or services established through competitive bidding does not constitute municipal employment for the purposes of this section.

(b) **Relationship with Employees.** The assembly shall not recommend or direct the appointment or removal of any officer or employee of the municipal administration except as otherwise provided by this charter. Except for the purpose of inquiry, neither the assembly nor an individual assembly member may give, either publicly or privately, orders on administrative matters to a subordinate to the administrator.

(c) **Representation of Client.** No assembly member may represent any client before any municipal department or agency.

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**5. BALLOT PROPOSITION.** The following question shall be placed on the ballot at the regular election on October 3, 2023:

Shall the Home Rule Charter of the City and Borough of Sitka be amended to expand the persons eligible to hold the office of a school board member to include municipal employees of the City and Borough of Sitka?

Yes

No

Informational: See ordinance 2023-16. This amendment to the Home Rule Charter would allow municipal employees of the City and Borough of Sitka to be eligible to hold the office of a school board member. This would not apply to Sitka School District employees.

**6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective on the day after the date of its passage.

The amendment to the Charter set forth in Section 4 hereof shall only become effective if the ballot proposition set forth in Section 5 hereof is approved by a majority of the qualified voters at the regular election held on October 3, 2023.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka,  
Alaska this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.



Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sara Peterson, MMC  
Municipal Clerk

1<sup>st</sup> reading: 7/11/2023

2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading: 7/25/2023

Sponsors: Mosher / Pike

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-15

**BALLOT PROPOSITION OCTOBER 3, 2023**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA PROPOSING TO AMEND TITLE 4 "REVENUE AND FINANCE", CHAPTER 4.09 "SALES TAX", OF THE SITKA GENERAL CODE BY ADDING A SEASONAL SALES TAX INCREASE OF ONE ADDITIONAL PERCENTAGE POINT IN SECTION 4.09.010 "LEVY OF SALES TAX" AND ADDING SECTION 4.09.120 "EXEMPTION FROM SEASONAL SALES TAX INCREASE"; AND, SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF SUCH AN AMENDMENT TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS AT THE REGULAR ELECTION ON OCTOBER 3, 2023

**PASSED / FAILED at the MUNICIPAL ELECTION on October 3, 2023**

**YES -**

**NO -**

**1. CLASSIFICATION.** This ordinance is of a permanent nature and is intended to become a part of the Sitka General Code.

**2. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and application thereof to any person or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

**3. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to propose the adoption of a seasonal sales tax increase starting in 2024 of one additional percentage point, from five percent to six percent, from April 1 through September 30 of each year, and dedicate the revenue generated to fund either directly or by paying debt service on the maintenance, repair, replacement, and/or construction of school building infrastructure.

**4. ENACTMENT.** NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that the Sitka General Code Title 4, entitled "Revenue and Finance," be amended by adding a seasonal sales tax increase of one additional percentage point to Chapter 4.09, entitled "Sales Tax", Section 4.09.010, entitled "Levy of sales tax", and adding Section 4.09.120, entitled "Exemption from seasonal sales tax increase", to read as follows (deleted language stricken, new language underlined):

**Title 4  
FINANCE AND REVENUE**

**Chapters:**

\* \* \*

**4.09 Sales Tax**

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**Chapter 4.09  
SALES TAX**

Sections:

4.09.010 Levy of sales tax.

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4.09.120 Exemption from seasonal sales tax increase.

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**4.09.010 Levy of sales tax.**

A. There is levied a consumer's sales tax on sales, rents, and leases made in the city and borough of Sitka. This tax applies to sales, rentals, and leases of tangible personal property; sales of services sold within the city and borough of Sitka; sales of services performed wholly or partially within the city and borough of Sitka when the provision of such services originates or terminates within the city and borough of Sitka; and rentals and leases of real property located within the city and borough of Sitka. Notwithstanding any provision of law, air or sea charter services, provided a person or entity in the business of providing such charter services, are exempt from sales tax by the city and borough of Sitka if the charter does not commence and end within the city and borough of Sitka.

B. The rate of levy of the sales tax levied under subsection A of this section is five percent on sales made during the months of October, November, December, January, February, and March. The rate of levy of the sales tax levied under subsection A of this section is six percent on sales made during the months of April, May, June, July, August, and September. The revenue generated by the one additional percentage point shall be dedicated to fund either directly or by paying debt service on the maintenance, repair, replacement and/or construction of school building infrastructure.

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**4.09.120 Exemption from seasonal sales tax increase.**

The following retail sales are exempt from any increase in the sales tax imposed on a seasonal basis, including the one additional percentage point increase for the months of April, May, June, July, August, and September set out in Section 4.09.010(B):

A. Rentals of Real Property. Rent paid as consideration for the use of real property either for thirty or more consecutive days or an entire calendar month by a person or persons of a room, set of rooms, structure, or suite is exempt from the one additional percentage point increase for the months of April, May, June, July, August and September. This exemption does not apply to any transaction taxable under the transient lodging tax set out in Chapter 4.24.

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**5. BALLOT PROPOSITION.** The following question shall be placed on the ballot at the regular election on October 3, 2023:

Shall the Sitka General Code be amended to adopt a seasonal sales tax increase starting in 2024 of one additional percentage point, from five percent to six percent, from April 1 through September 30 of each year, and dedicate the revenue generated to fund

either directly or by paying debt service on the maintenance, repair, replacement, and/or construction of school building infrastructure?

Yes

No

Informational: See ordinance 2023-15. A seasonal sales tax of six percent, previously in effect, ended on June 30, 2023.

**6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective April 1, 2024, upon certification of the October 3, 2023, election results that show a majority of qualified voters approved the enactment.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 25th day of July, 2023.



Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Sara Peterson  
Municipal Clerk

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