



SITKA POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, November 27, 2024
Harrigan Centennial Hall – 5:30 PM



AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- B. AGENDA CHANGES/CORRESPONDENCE**
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
September 25, 2024
- D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- E. PARKING CITATION HEARING BOARD**
 - 1. Peter Karras Jr
- F. REPORTS**
 - 1. Chair
 - 2. Vice Chair
 - 3. Liaison Report
 - 4. Police Representative
 - 5. Fire Representative
- H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- I. NEW BUSINESS**
- J. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- K. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS**
Next meeting date: **Wednesday – December 25, 2024 @ Centennial Hall**
- L. ADJOURNMENT**



SITKA POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Centennial Hall – 5:30 PM



Regular Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Present: Leslie Young, James Mellema, and Gregg Olson

City Staff: Chief Warren, Lt Achee, Assemblymember Pike and Exc. Assistant
Serena Wild

B. AGENDA CHANGES/CORRESPONDENCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 28, 2024

Motion: Motion by Mellema to approve the August 28, 2024 minutes.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Michelle Kavouras, who has taken over for Lyod Platson at Sitka Counseling, introduced herself and shared an upcoming suicide training.

E. PARKING CITATION HEARING BOARD

F. REPORTS

1. Chair – will be out of town for the next meeting.
2. Lt Achee – PD will be focusing on recruiting lateral officers.
3. Chief Warren – busy week for both FD and PD. Call volume has not gone down for the fall. Big thank you to all the volunteers with the recent SARs. Can't do it without them.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

J. NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting: **Wednesday, October 16, 2024 @ Harrigan Centennial Hall**

Agenda items:

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 5: 39 PM.

Public Safety Event Reports



Event Activity Analysis by Time

Date Reported: 01/01/2024 - 11/21/2024



SITKA POLICE DEPARTMENT
 304 LAKE ST # 102
 SITKA, AK 99835
 PH: (907) 747-3245

Classification	HOUR																								Total
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
ABANDONED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	5	11	8	4	1	7	8	5	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	65
Abandon Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	5	11	8	4	1	7	8	5	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	65
AGENCY ASSIST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	9
Assist Other Agency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	9
ANIMAL PROBLEM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Animal Attack	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Animal Ordinance Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Other Animal Calls	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Arson, Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ASSAULT	5	6	5	1	1	5	0	2	0	3	3	2	1	2	1	3	1	6	3	4	1	7	4	4	70
Aggravated Assault - Weapon	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Aggravated Assault, Family, Firearm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault, Family, Knife/Cut Instr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault, Family, Oth Weapon	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Aggravated Assault, Gun	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault, Nonfamily, Oth Weapon	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault, Nonfamily, Strongarm	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Intimidation (Includes Stalking)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	7
Simple Assault	4	3	5	1	1	3	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	2	1	1	1	6	3	2	1	6	3	3	51
BURGLARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Burglary, Unforced Entry Nonresidence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Burglary, Unforced Entry Residence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
CIVIL PROBLEM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Civil Dispute	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Civil Problem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Hallucinogen, Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other Controlled Substances	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
DAMAGED PROPERTY	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	19
Criminal Mischief	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
Damaged Property, Business	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Damaged Property, Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Damaged Property, Private	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
Damaged Property, Public	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Damaged Property, Vehicle	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	6
DEATH	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	18
Suicide	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Unattended Death	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	13

Traffic Accident. Public Property	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	18
Damg																										
TRAFFIC PROBLEM	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	9
Reckless Driver	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	7
Traffic Offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Traffic, Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TRESPASSING	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Trespassing, Government Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Trespassing, Private Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
VIOLATE CONDITIONS OF RELEASE	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
VIOLATE CONDITIONS OF RELEASE	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
WEAPONS OFFENSE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Possession Of Weapon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Threat To Bomb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total Events	25	13	17	6	6	13	7	10	33	30	42	39	31	31	37	44	27	40	23	30	17	30	14	16	581	
Total Citation Violations:	10	5	2	1	2	1	2	1	5	8	3	8	4	6	5	4	3	2	0	8	2	2	7	6	97	
Total Citations:	10	6	3	3	3	1	2	1	5	8	3	9	5	6	5	4	3	4	3	8	2	2	7	8	111	

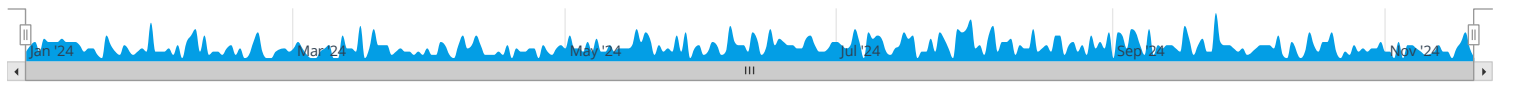
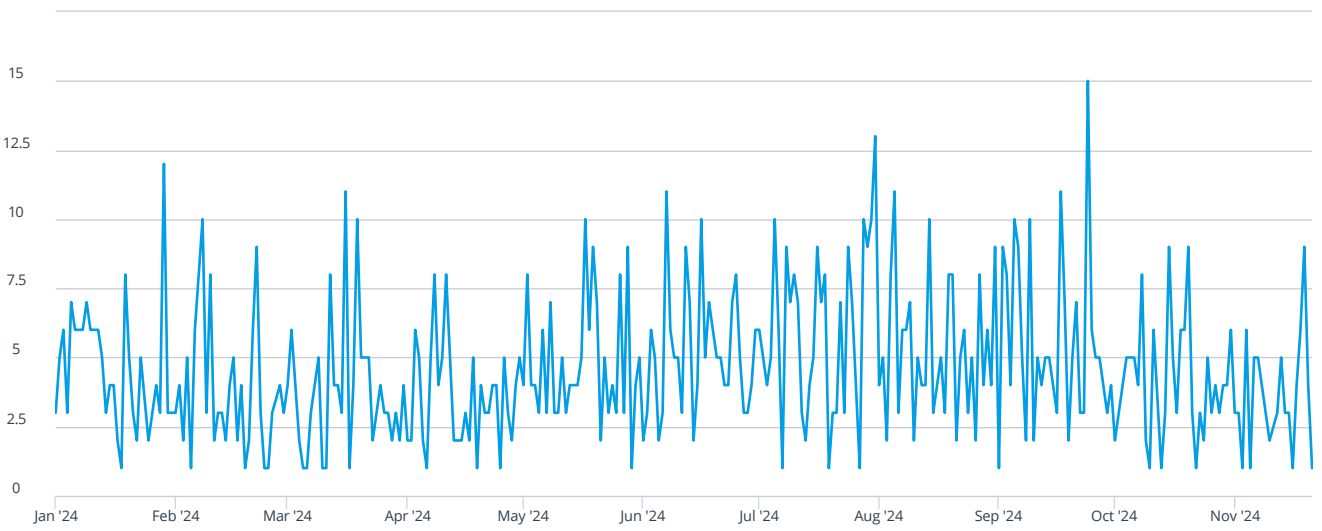
Current Year ▾ Jan 1, 2024 - Nov 21, 2024 ▾

14%
FIRE
 Percentage of Total Incidents

86%
EMS
 Percentage of Total Incidents

1,474
INCIDENTS
 In Selected Time Slice

326
DAYS
 In Selected Time Slice

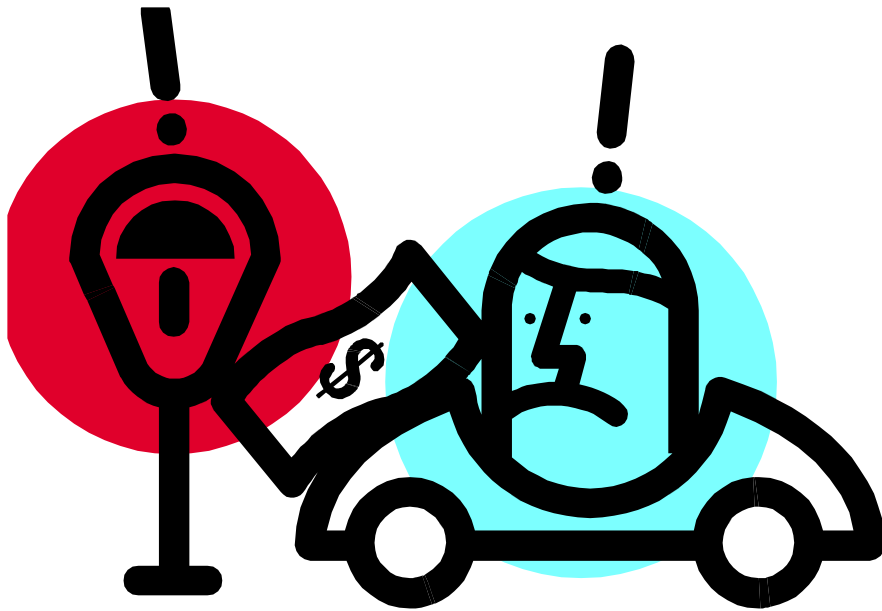


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	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Total
(10) Fire, other				1	1									2
(11) Structure Fire		1		1	1			1	1					5
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire			1					2						3
(14) Natural vegetation fire				1										1
(15) Outside rubbish fire		2		1	1	2		1	1	1				9
(16) Special outside fire	1													1
(21) Overpressure rupture from steam (no ensuing fire)	1													1
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition			1											1
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other						1								1
(31) Medical assist							1			1				2
(32) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	114	92	102	91	126	134	162	132	148	103	62			1,266
(34) Search for lost person				2				2	4		1			9
(36) Water or ice-related rescue	2				2					2				6
(38) Rescue or EMS standby					2		2			1				5

	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Total
(41) Combustible/f... spills & leaks	1		2											3
(44) Electrical wiring/equipm.. problem	1	1												2
(46) Accident, potential accident				1										1
(50) Service call, other	1	2		1	2	1	1	1						9
(51) Person in distress		1		2							4			7
(53) Smoke, odor problem				1	1				1					3
(55) Public service assistance	2	2	1	1	1	3	3		3		1			17
(56) Unauthorized burning			1			1	1	2						5
(57) Cover assignment, standby at fire station, move-up							1							1
(60) Good intent call, other		1			2					1				4
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route	1	2	1	2	2	4	2	5	2		1			22
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found					1									1
(63) Controlled burning				1		3	1	2	1					8
(64) Vicinity alarm								2						2
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke			1				1			1				3
(67) HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat			1											1
(70) False alarm and false call, other	1	1	3	1				1	2	1				10
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm							1							1
(73) System or detector malfunction	3	1			1	1	4	2		2	2			16
(74) Unintentional system/detect... operation (no fire)	3	1	3	1	6	5	5	9	3	4	1			41
(91) Citizen complaint		1	1				1							3
UNK	1													1
UNK	1													1
Total	133	108	118	108	149	155	186	162	166	117	72			1,474

Parking Citation Hearing Board



I move to convene as the Parking Citation
Hearing Board

Chapter 11.40
STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

11.40.165 Parking vehicles with suspended, revoked, or expired registration on streets, highways, or roadways, or in public parking lots......

No vehicle shall be parked on any street, highway, or roadway or in any public parking lot while displaying a suspended, revoked, or expired registration. (Ord. 04-46 § 4(A), 2004.)

11.40.090 Parking time limited.

- A. The chief of police is authorized to determine places in which there is public demand or necessity for short-time parking and to designate such places by proper signs indicating the time limit for parking.
- B. When official signs are erected indicating time limit parking in places as authorized herein, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in such designated place for a time longer than indicated on such signs.
- C. When there is public demand or necessity for short-term parking in designated disability zones, the chief of police is authorized to designate locations for such short-term parking and cause proper signs indicating the time limit for parking to be displayed. This time zone shall be no less than two hours. Exceeding this time limit shall be a violation subject to a citation carrying a twenty-five-dollar fine. Any owner of a disability placard or license plate shall abide by all other posted time zones and regulations.

(Ord. 08-46 § 4 (part), 2008; Ord. 04-17 § 4, 2004; Ord. 84-597 § 4(B) (part), 1984; Ord. 73-64 § 3 (part), 1973.)

11.40.100 Parking prohibited for extended time period.

- A. No person shall park a vehicle on any street, highway or roadway or on any municipally owned property for a period of time longer than seventy-two hours except in the extended parking areas authorized below.
- B. The assembly may designate certain areas of municipally owned property as extended parking areas. Parking in these areas for longer than seventy-two hours may be allowed under permit issued by the chief of police for such times and under such conditions as may be set through resolution passed by the assembly.
- C. No operator, registered owner, or other person, may park, or allow or cause to be parked in any public street or other public property, any disabled or inoperable motor vehicle for a period to exceed twenty-four hours.

A violation of this subsection will incur a minimum of a twenty-five-dollar fine for each twenty-four-hour period from time of ticketing until the vehicle is permanently removed from public property.

- D. No commercial vehicle or mobile commercial equipment shall be parked upon any street or public property overnight for two consecutive nights within the central business district, Crescent Harbor parking lot, and the Centennial Building parking lot.
- E. No construction vehicle factory-rated above an eight thousand pound gross vehicle weight, or any mobile construction equipment, shall be parked overnight upon any street or public property unless otherwise legally parked in close proximity to a construction or other temporary commercial enterprise on which the equipment is in current use and the daily removal to legal off-street parking would be unfeasible.

(Ord. 08-46 § 4 (part), 2008; Ord. 84-597 § 4(B) (part), 1984; Ord. 75-208 § 3, 1975; Ord. 73-64 § 3 (part), 1973.)

VIOLATION

No 68739

Date 10/29/24 Time 9:35 PM

License No. FP0923 State AK
Make of Vehicle Subaru Officer Wilson

Location Lake Road

- Overtime Parking
- Handicap Parking Only
- Yellow Zone
- No Parking
- No Parking 4 A.M. to 7 A.M.
- Over 12" From Curb
- Active Load/Unloading Unattended Vehicle
- Facing Traffic
- Over 72 Hours
- Unattended Vehicle
- No Overnight Parking
- Bus Parking Only
- Other

- Expired Registration Or Failure To Display

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BAIL AMOUNT: \$ 50

VIOLATION

No 68744

Date 11/1/24 Time 02:07 AM

License No. PA973 State AK
Make of Vehicle Subaru Officer Wilson

Location Lake Road

- Overtime Parking
- Handicap Parking Only
- Yellow Zone
- No Parking
- No Parking 4 A.M. to 7 A.M.
- Over 12" From Curb
- Active Load/Unloading Unattended Vehicle
- Facing Traffic
- Over 72 Hours
- Unattended Vehicle
- No Overnight Parking
- Bus Parking Only
- Other

- Expired Registration Or Failure To Display

BAIL AMOUNT: \$ 75

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
APPEAL HEARING ON NOTICE OF VIOLATION
SGC 11.45.177**

Hearing Officer's Script

1. CALL TO ORDER

This is the time for the re-hearing on the appeal of Peter Karras Jr. I am James Mellema Vice-Chair of the Police and Fire Commission, for the City and Borough of Sitka. The Police and Fire Commission is the Hearing Officer as authorized under SGC 11.40.176 for this appeal. Also present is the Police and Fire Commission Secretary, who will make a recording of the hearing.

I have before me a copy of the Request for Administrative Appeal, dated November 18, 2024, requesting a hearing by the Appellant.

2. PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE

Will the parties attending the hearing please come forward and identify themselves for the record?

The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether the issuance of Citation Number 68739 & 68744, alleging the violation of Expired Registration or Failure To Display Valid Registration and No Parking Over 72 Hours did in fact occur. The Appellant will first present their case for issuance of the citation and present evidence on their behalf. The Sitka Police Department will then have an opportunity to respond.

Appellant, please come forward and present your evidence in opposition to the alleged violation.

PD Representative, please come forward and present your evidence in support of the alleged violation.

Does either party have anything further to present at this time?

3. VOTING

The Police and Fire Commission shall now discuss the findings.

Police and Fire Commission find that the:

Appeal is granted and citation is dismissed

Appeal is not granted and the parking violation stands.

The appellant is to pay the fine in the amount of \$75.00, by December 6, 2024.

4. ADJOURNMENT

This concludes the hearing of Peter Karras Jr. I move to adjourn the Parking Citation Hearing Board.

City of Sitka
Administrative Appeal

REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL - PARKING CITATION

Citation No. 68739/68744 Citation Issue Date: 10-29-24 / 11/1/24 Issuing Officer: Wilson (twice)
Vehicle License # FRQ923 Vehicle Make: Subaru Reason for Citation: No parking / over 72 hours
Print Defendant's Name: Peter John Karras Jr Date: 11/18/24
Defendant's Signature: Peter J. Karras Jr Daytime Phone: 907-738-2434
Mailing Address: 111 Andrew Hope Street B Email Address: Karraspeter76@gmail.com
Sitka, AK 99835

Your appeal has been scheduled for 11/27 at 5:30 PM before the Police & Fire Commission
Location: 330 Harbor Drive (Harrigan Centennial Hall)

I will appear in person to for my appeal I will only be submitting a written appeal

Before the appeal hearing a written explanation, with any legal justification cited, must be submitted for why the parking violation occurred. Failure to provide a written explanation before the appeal shall act as a waiver of the right to a hearing.

If you fail to appear and/or do not submit a written explanation, the following will happen - a default judgment will be entered against you for the maximum penalty permitted by law plus \$15 collection cost.

Office Use Only

Facts & Findings for Administrative Appeal

- Appeal is granted and citation is dismissed
- Appeal is not granted and the parking violation stands

The appellant is to pay a fine in the amount of \$ _____, by _____, 20 _____ payable to City and Borough of Sitka and may be paid at the Utilities Office at 100 Lincoln Street, Sitka, Alaska 99835 or Sitka Police Department, 304 Lake Street, Sitka, Alaska 99835. If not paid by the above date, a \$15 collection fee shall be applied.

Any questions on the ruling of the Police & Fire Commission, please contact Executive Assistant Serena Wild at 966-5705.



SITKA POLICE DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT FORM



Name: Peter John Karras Jr Date of Birth: 04/24/1959

Address: 111 Andrew Hope Street B Sitka AK 99835

Phone: 907-738-2434 ID# and State

Location of Incident: Lake street

Person(s) Involved: I was not present at Lake Street location

Acknowledgement Pursuant to Alaska Statute 11.56.800 – Class A Misdemeanor

I hereby attest that the following statements written by me are true to the best of my knowledge and understanding. I understand that my written statement may be presented to a magistrate or judge in lieu of my sworn testimony at a preliminary examination. I am aware that any false statement that I make may subject me to criminal punishment as a Class A Misdemeanor.

Signature: Peter J. Karras Date: 11/18/2024

I have memory loss and it was my intention to place a "FOR SALE" sign on my vehicle and kept forgetting. I have proof of being forgetful signed by my doctor