

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
NOTICE OF ELECTION**

A **Special Municipal Election** will be held in the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on **May 28, 2025**. Polls will open at **7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.** for casting ballots on the following:

BALLOT PROPOSITION

Proposition No. 1

Shall the City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) adopt proposed Ordinance No. 2024-33 to regulate all cruise ship visitation, beginning with the 2026 cruise season, by establishing:

1. regulations on large cruise ships (defined as ships accommodating 250+ overnight passengers) to include:
 - a. limiting port calls to the cruise season (defined as May 1 – September 30);
 - b. restricting port calls to a maximum of six days per week ensuring at least one day per week with no port calls;
 - c. an annual cap of 300,000 scheduled passengers ashore per cruise season; and
 - d. a daily cap of 4,500 scheduled passengers ashore;
2. requirements for the CBS to implement and administer a scheduling and permitting system for large and small cruise ships;
3. requirements for the CBS to enforce provisions for violations (principally through fines, permit revocation, and/or suspending permit eligibility for one year), to be imposed on cruise ship owners or operators; and
4. requirements for cruise ship operators to report visitation data to the CBS.

YES

NO

Informational: See proposed Ordinance No. 2024-33.

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS: A person may vote in any municipal election who:

- (1) is at least 18 years old; and
- (2) has been a resident and registered to vote in the municipality for at least 30 days immediately prior to the election; and
- (3) is a citizen of the United States; and
- (4) is qualified to vote in State elections; and
- (5) is registered to vote in State elections in the precinct in which that person seeks to vote in municipal elections.

ABSENTEE VOTING:

- (1) Application for an absentee ballot by mail may be made with the Municipal Clerk until 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2025.
- (2) Application for an absentee ballot by fax or email may be made with the Municipal Clerk until 5:00 p.m. on May 28, 2025.
- (3) Early voting is available at Harrigan Centennial Hall on the following schedule:
 - Weekdays from Tuesday, May 13 through Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day)
 - Saturdays on May 17 and May 24 from 9:00 a.m. to noonMeeting room locations by date:
 - May 13, 16, 17, 20-24, 27 – Meeting Room 5
 - May 14, 15 – Meeting Room 3
 - May 19 – Meeting Room 2
- (4) Qualified voters who are unable to go to the polls may make application for a ballot by personal representative at the early voting location or at the voting precincts on Election Day.

POLLING PLACES for each precinct on **Election Day, May 28**, are as follows:

SITKA No. 1
(02-765)

HARRIGAN CENTENNIAL HALL
330 Harbor Drive – Meeting Rooms 5 & 6

SITKA No. 2
(02-770)

HARRIGAN CENTENNIAL HALL
330 Harbor Drive – Auditorium

***NOTE:** A wheelchair accessible booth and an ADA compliant voting apparatus are available during early voting and at each precinct on Election Day.*

For a sample ballot, absentee ballot request, and other election resources, visit <https://www.cityofsitka.com/SpecialMunicipalElection> or contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 907.747.1826 or 907.747.1811.

Sara Peterson, Municipal Clerk
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