

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-26

BALLOT PROPOSITION OCTOBER 2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AMENDING THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA FOR PURPOSES OF INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX LIMIT TO EIGHT-TENTHS (0.008) OF ONE PERCENT; AND SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF SUCH AN AMENDMENT TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS AT A REGULAR ELECTION ON OCTOBER 4, 2016

FAILED at the MUNICIPAL ELECTION on October 4, 2016

**1772 – NO
926 - YES**

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 4, 2016 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.** This ordinance amends the Charter, Article 13.03, entitled "Property Tax Limit," by raising the property tax millage rate limit from 6 mills to 8 mills.

4. **ENACTMENT.** NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Sitka Assembly that the Charter, Article 13.03, entitled "Property Tax Limit," is amended to read as follows (new language underlined; deleted language stricken):

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HOME RULE CHARTER
ARTICLE XIII
TAXATION

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Section 13.03 Property Tax Limit.

The property tax levy shall not exceed six ~~eight-tenths (0.006)~~ (0.008) of one per cent (~~6-mill~~) (8 mills) of the assessed valuation of the property to be taxed. The voters may raise this limit by an affirmative vote of the majority of the voters participating in a special or regular election.

This section shall not in any way limit the ability of the municipality to meet its bonded obligations and in no event shall the property tax levy during a year exceed three percent (thirty mills) of the assessed value of the property in the municipality.

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5. **BALLOT QUESTION.** The following question shall be placed before the qualified voters at a regular election to be held on October 4, 2016:

Shall the City and Borough of Sitka amend the Charter Section (13.03; Property Tax Limit) to allow for an increase of the property tax levy not to exceed 8 mills (eight-tenths (0.008) of one percent)?

YES

NO

Informational: If approved by the qualified voters, the effective date of this amendment shall be July 1, 2017.

6. **EFFECTIVE DATES.** 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 question set forth in Section 5 hereof is approved by a majority of the qualified voters at the regular election held on October 4, 2016. Subject to the foregoing, the effective date of this amendment shall be July 1, 2017.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 9th day of August, 2016.

Matthew Hunter, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, CMC
Municipal Clerk

1st reading 8/2/16
2nd reading 8/9/16