

City and Borough of Sitka

100 Lincoln Street • Sitka, Alaska 99835

MEMORANDUM

To:

Jim Dinley, Municipal Administrator

Mayor McConnell and Members of the Assembly

From:

Melissa Henshaw, Planner I

Subject:

LaGuire Short-Term Rental, 601 Sawmill Creek Road

Date:

January 2, 2013

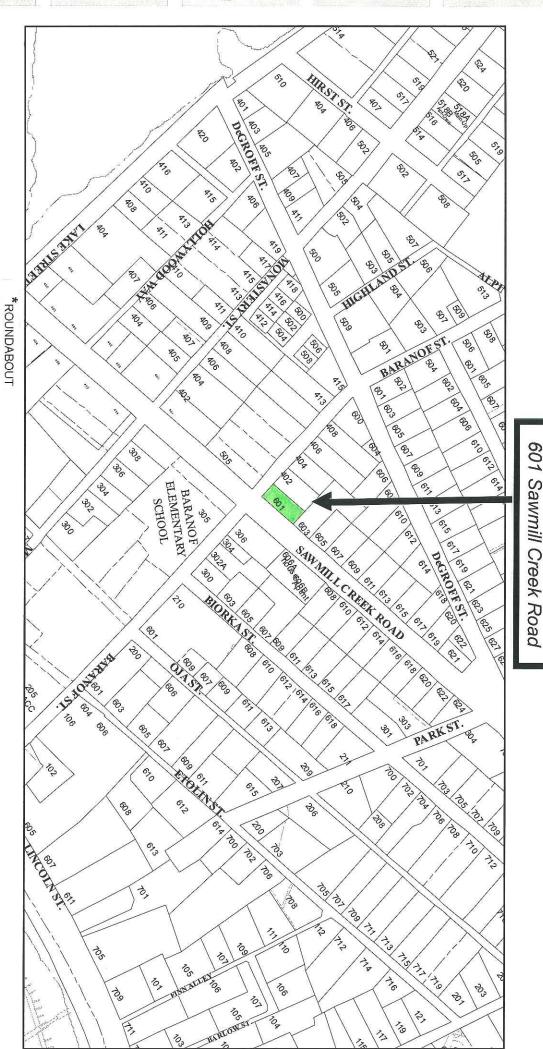
The Planning Commission is recommending approval of a conditional use permit request for operation of a short-term rental filed by Sharon Romine with Creative Connections/Welcome Home Vacations for Michael LaGuire at 601 Sawmill Creek Road. Action on this item was taken at the December 4, 2012 Planning Commission meeting. The recommendation to approve the request passed 4-0.

Mr. LaGuire owns a single-story three bedroom two bathroom house on the corner of Sawmill Creek Road and Baranof Street. This is a highly sought out location for rentals being in the downtown area. Ms. Romine will manage this short-term rental.

Guests will be responsible for their own meals and transportation. The applicant is able to provide over and above the two off street parking spaces as required by code.

Recommendation:

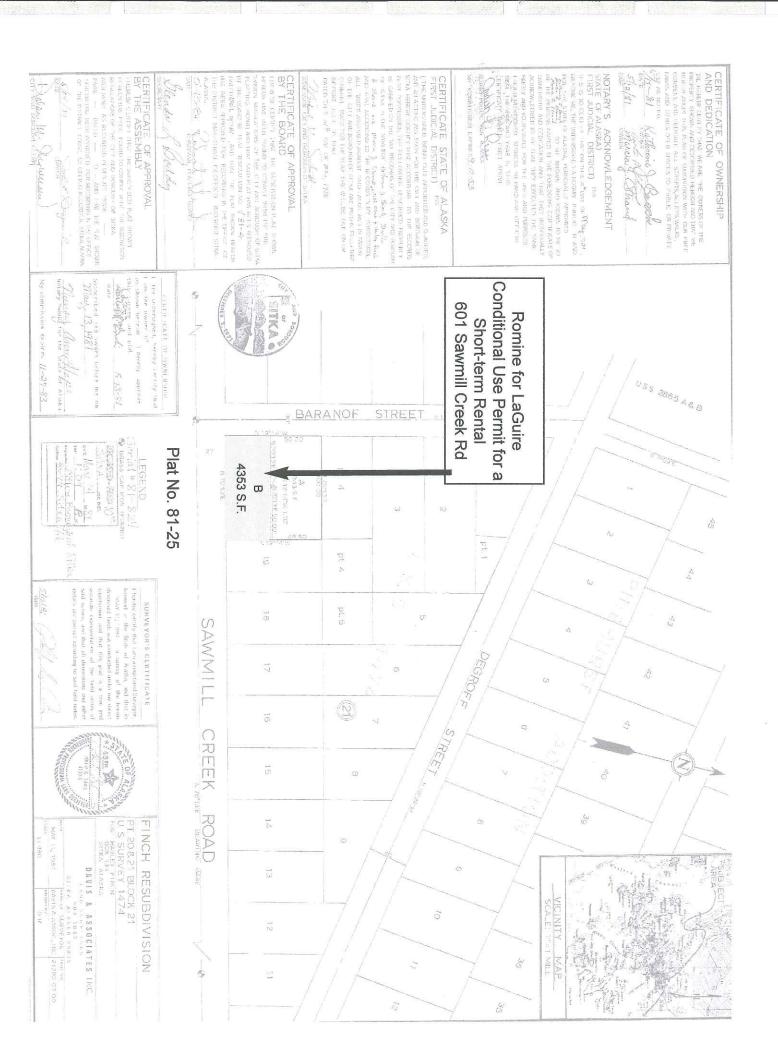
Approve the request.

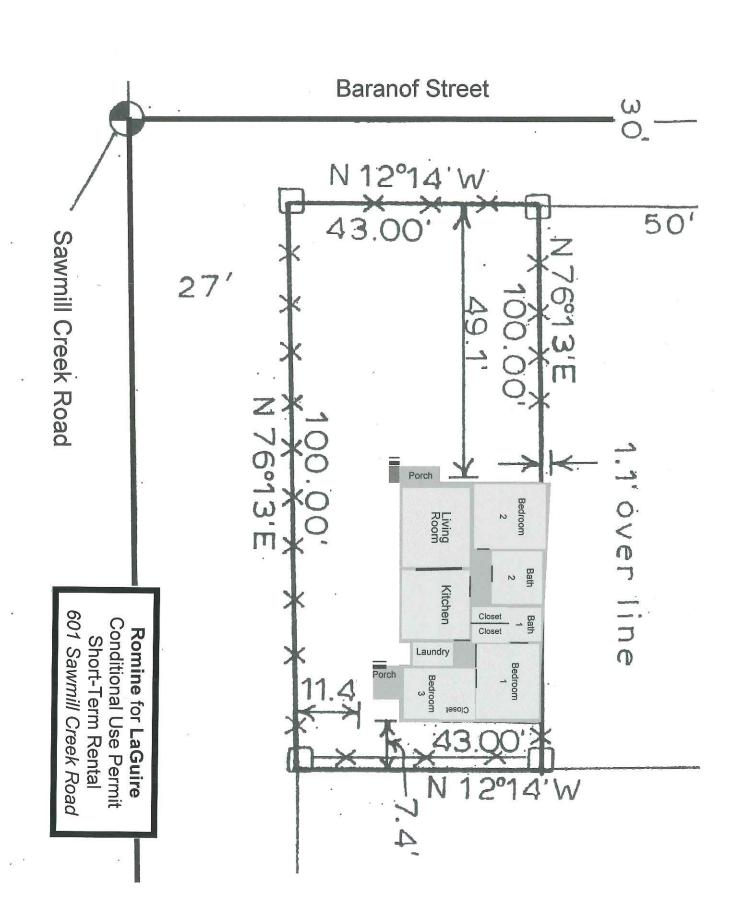


Conditional Use Permit

Short-Term Rental

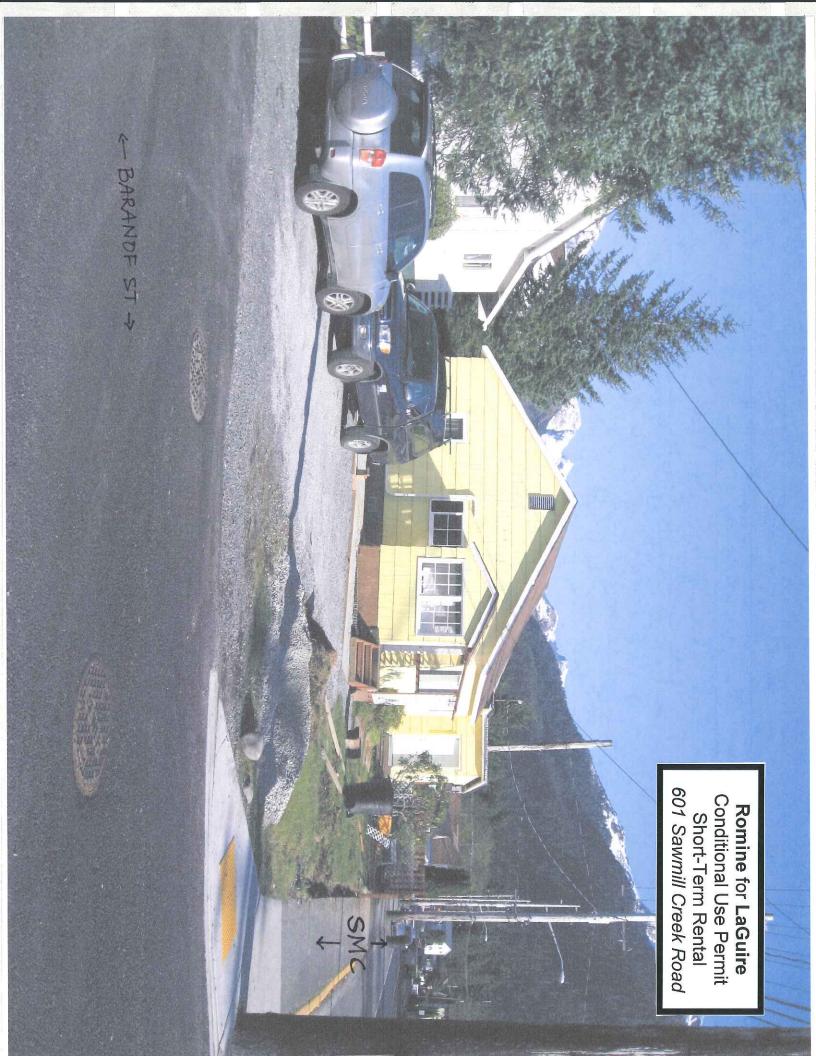
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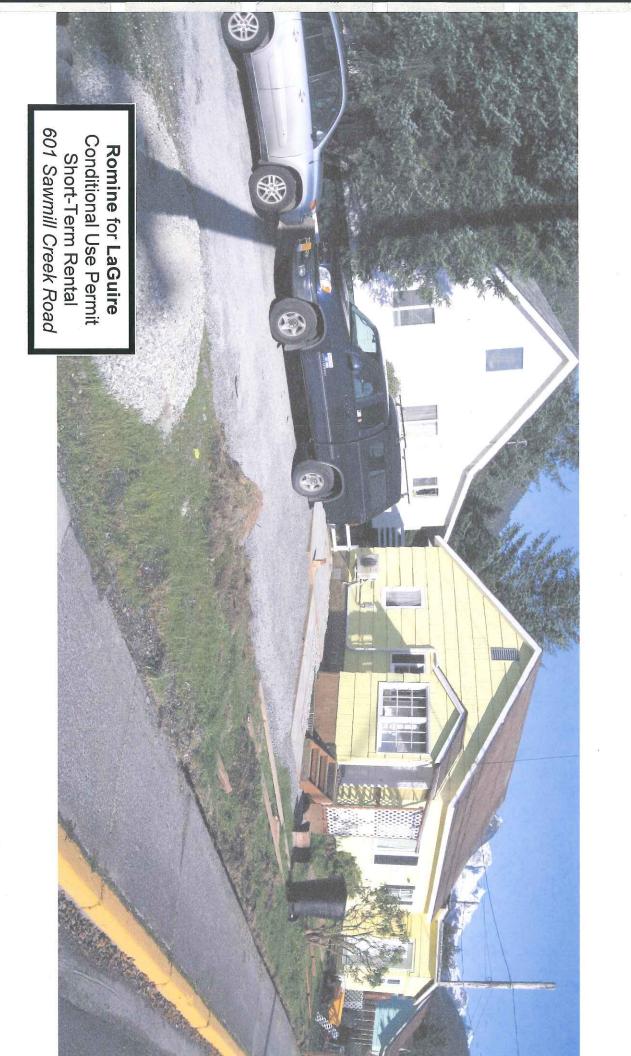




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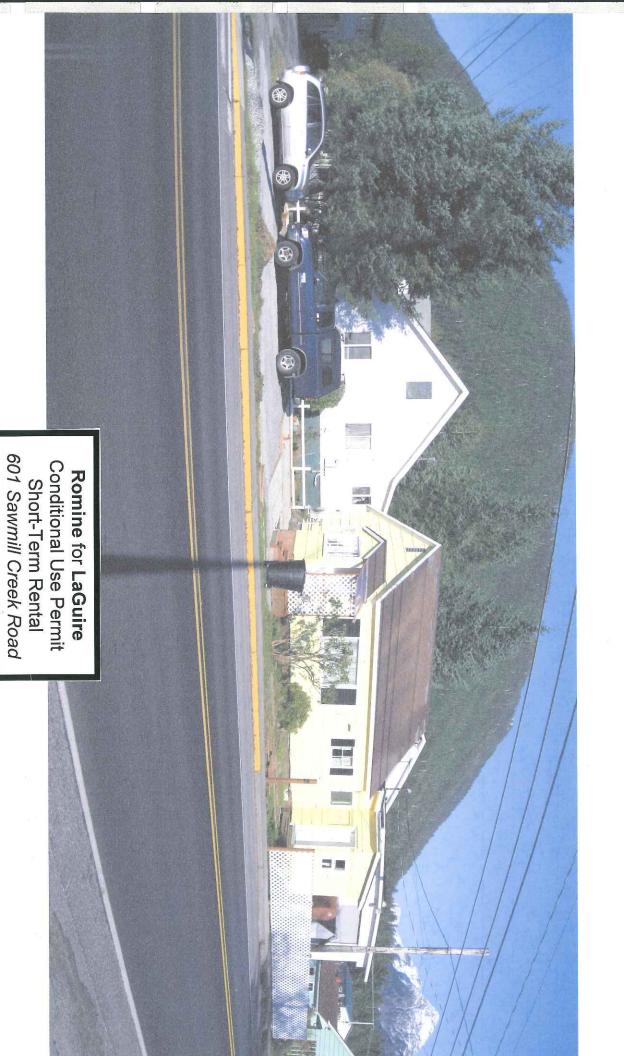
Conditional Use Permit for a Short-Term Rental
601 Sawmill Creek Road Porch Bedroon Living Room Closet Bath Kitchen Smoke Alarm (4)Carbon Monoxide Alarm (1) Fire Extinquisher (1) Symbol & Notes Closet Bath Laundry Bedroom Bedroom 3 orch Closet





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Romine for LaGuire
Conditional Use Permit
Short-Term Rental
601 Sawmill Creek Road



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

Planning Commission Minutes of Meeting December 4, 2012

Present:

Jeremy Twaddle (Chair), Darrell Windsor (Member), Richard Parmelee (Member), Cheryl Westover (Member), Wells Williams (Planning Director),

Melissa Henshaw (Planner I)

Members of the Public: Sharon Romine, Chris Spivey, Jack Fredrickson, Chris McGraw, Shannon Haugland (Sitka Sentinel)

Chair Twaddle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by welcoming new Commissioner Cheryl Westover and thanked Tom Rogers for his time as a Commissioner.

Consideration of the Minutes from the November 6, 2012 meeting:

MOTION: M/S PARMELEE/WINDSOR to approve the meeting minutes for November 6, 2012. Commissioner Westover recused herself.

ACTION: Motion PASSED unanimously on a voice vote.

The evening business:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST FOR A SHORT-TERM RENTAL 601 SAWMILL CREEK ROAD SHARON ROMINE FOR MICHAEL/JACQUELINE LAGUIRE

Public hearing and consideration of a short-term rental conditional use permit request filed by Sharon Romine at 601 Sawmill Creek Road. The property is also known as Lot B Finch Resubdivision. Owner of record is Michael and Jacqueline LaGuire.

Planner Henshaw reviewed the request; this is a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom single story house to be rented on a short-term basis with Ms. Romine managing. There is more than ample parking.

APPLICANT: Sharon Romine with Creative Connections/Welcome Home Vacations came forward stating that this is newly remodeled with the safety inspection done. It has 4 parking spaces and is highly sought out for rentals being in the downtown area.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Planning Director Williams suggested the Board look at the findings and make sure they are comfortable with them before making a motion.

MOTION: M/S WESTOVER/PARMELEE moved to recommend approval of a short-term rental conditional use permit request filed by Sharon Romine at 601 Sawmill Creek Road. The property is also known as Lot B Finch Resubdivision. Owner of record is Michael and Jacqueline LaGuire with the following findings:

- 1. It is in accordance with 22.30.160 and 22.24.010;
- 2. It incorporates 2.5.2.I of the Comprehensive Plan; and

3. Most of the required findings were met by virtue of the fact that it is adjacent to developed City streets.

ACTION: Motion PASSED unanimously on a voice vote.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Planning Director mentioned that Chris Spivey has put in his application for the Commission; Staff will include a report of the short-term rentals in the next packet; the City Shops RFP closes on January 4: BIHA has interest in submitting a proposal; The Benchlands RFP will go out tomorrow; the next agenda has three variance requests; the January 1st meeting will move to the 2nd.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Westover brought up the topic of derelict properties. This is an issue she would like to look at when the Commission has time. Planning Director Williams mentioned that the Building Department has sent out a memo on this issue and it is possibly something to look at in the spring.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: M/S WESTOVER/PARMELEE to adjourn at 8:13 pm.

ACTION: Motion PASSED unanimously on a voice vote.

Jeremy Twaddle, Chair	Melissa Henshaw, Secretary

Guests will be responsible for their own meals and transportation. There are more than the required two off street parking spaces to accommodate guests.

A motion recommending approval is suggested. Staff will propose findings for this conditional use request after the motion.

Request:

Conditional use permit request for a short-term rental in a residential zone

Zoning District: R-1

Front: 20 feet Rear: 10 feet Side: 8 feet

Meeting Flow

- Report from Staff
- Applicant comes forward
- o Applicant identifies him/herself provides comments
- o Commissioners ask applicant questions
- Staff asks applicant any questions
- o Floor opened up for Public Comment
- Applicant has opportunity to clarify or provide additional information
- Comment period closed brought back to the board
- Motions

Tonight's Motions

- A motion recommending approval is suggested
- Move to approve findings in support of recommended approval or denial

Romine for LaGuire Conditional Use Permit Short-Term Rental

601 Sawmill Creek Road December 4, 2012

Back before the board is the conditional use permit for a short-term rental at 601 Sawmill Creek Road.

Romine for LaGuire Conditional Use Permit Short-Term Rental

601 Sawmill Creek Road November 6, 2012

The location to this request is on the corner of Sawmill Creek Road and Baranof Street; next to the Presbyterian Church and opposite corner of Baranof Elementary School.

Before the Board on Tuesday night is a conditional use permit request for a short-term rental in a residential zoning district.

Owner, Michael LaGuire has a three bedroom, two bathroom, single story house that he would like to rent out on a short-term basis. The company Creative Connections/Welcome Home Vacations owned by Sharon Romine is going to manage this rental for him.



City and Borough of Sitka

PUBLIC SERVICES
100 LINCOLN STREET • SITKA, ALASKA 99835

PHONE (907) 747-1804 FAX (907) 747-3158

August 21, 2012

Memo To: Wells Williams, Planning Director

From: Timothy Hoyt, Fire Marshal

Subject: Short-term Rental Fire and Life Safety Inspection, 601 Sawmill Creek Road

Wells: Today I conducted a fire and life safety inspection of 601 Sawmill Creek Road. No deficiencies were noted. Please feel free to contact me with any comments or questions.

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA PLANNING DEPARTMENT

SHORT-TERM RENTAL &
BED & BREAKFAST APPLICATION

Short-Term Rental Fee	\$100.00
Bed & Breakfast Fee (per Guestroom)	\$35.00
* plus current city sa	les tax *

APPLICANT'S NAME: Sharon L F	Romine			
PHONE NUMBER: 907-747-4712				
MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 1841,	Sitka, AK 99835			
OWNER'S NAME: Michael L LaGu	ire			
(If different from applicant)				
PHONE NUMBER: 907-738-288	35			
MAILING ADDRESS: 210 Lake Stre	et, Suite A, Sitka, AK 99835			
Alexandra/Developerations				
PROJECT ADDRESS: 601 Sawn	nill Creek Road			
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	ained our plans. (see letter attached). I asked that			
	concerns. I also spoke with several neighbors who			
did not seem to have any concerns				
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	ated, what meals will be served, and how guests will			
be transported. (This information may be				
This application is for short term va	cation rental only. No meals will be served.			
Management will be provided by S	haron Romine dba Creative Connections/			
Welcome Home Vacations. Guests	will be able to view photos and book online or call			
the 1-800 Reservation line for assis	stance. CC/WHV will also be on call 24/7 during			
quest's stay. As part of the booking	process, the guest signs a rental agreement that			
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	2. Types of facilities in the rooms
	3. Windows and exits ✓
	4. Location of smoke alarms and fire extinguishers
	5. Guestrooms specifically delineated on the plans
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Drawi	ng of the exterior site plan showing:
	1. Dimensions of the home —
	2. How the house sits on the lot
	3. Location of parking_
0	Check if facility is not fully constructed at the time of the application.
6	Check if Life Safety Inspection has already been completed. If not, please
	contact the Building Department at 747-1832 to schedule an appointment.
	This Inspection is to certify that the residence complies with life and fire
	safety code aspects.
In applyin	ng for and signing this application, the property owner hereby grants permission to
Municipa	l staff to access the property before and after Planning Commission's review
_	rposes of inspecting the proposed and/or approved structures.
SIGNATU	JRE OF APPLICANT: Maure & Koncin Date: 9/27/12
SIGNATU	JRE OF OWNER: MW Sa SundATE: 9/27/12
(If different)	from applicant)

Following are the terms and agreement made and accepted on reserving a home with Creative Connections dba Welcome Home Vacations, Sitka, Alaska.

_____ Updated 12/6/2011 SR

All homes offered here are privately owned. Creative Connections/dba Welcome Home Vacations is working as their reservation agent.

Your reservation total includes; rent, and if applicable; rent (bed) tax of 6%, and sales tax (see below):

Sales Tax: 5% Winter Stays, 6% sales tax Summer. Stays charged only on first \$1,000 of invoice for each home or tour per month.

For tax purposes, Summer Season: April 1 through September 30th. Winter Season: October 1 through March 31st.

Stays 30 days or longer are exempt from city sales and bed tax

TAX INFO: Reservations that include winter and summer dates, will be taxed on the departure date rate. Reservations that are for multiple homes will be charged on separate invoices and charged tax accordingly. Reservations and services, such as fishing and tours, that are for multiple people, will be charged according to how they are billed and paid; If all billed on one invoice and paid with a credit card or cards in ONE person's name will be taxed as invoiced. If paid with credit cards or billed in more than one person, each person will be invoiced and taxed according to Sitka City and Borough statues.

RESERVATION: On stays less than 30 days, a 35% deposit is required to reserve your dates, unless; your arrival date is within 60 days, in which case the full amount is due, or, your reservation total is \$500 or less, in which case, the full amount will be charged.

EXTENDED STAY RESERVATIONS: (stays over 30 days): Payment for your first 30 days is required at time of booking to reserve a home for extended stay. Unless otherwise approved, a credit card is required for the reservation and extended stay reservations will be auto charged on the first of the month.

Unless otherwise agreed upon in writing, Extended stay reservations must be paid in full 30 days before arrival and 30 days before each consecutive stay. Stays 30 days or longer are exempt from city sales and bed tax.

IMPORTANT: We offer discounts on extended-stay that are only valid if your stay is over 30 days. In the event of cancellation that shortens stay to less than 30 days, your invoice will be changed to reflect the higher day rate and sales and bed tax will be added. If renting extended stay, with an open departure, 30 days notice is required that will go into effect on the 1st of the month after notice is received.

PAYMENT: Your lodging is guaranteed your entire stay, even if your arrival is delayed, you are still responsible for your accommodations.

CANCELLATION: You may cancel your reservation up to 72 hours after booking with no cancellation charge. After 72 hours, stays cancelled 60 days or greater before arrival, will incur a 10% cancellation

or change fee on the full reservation amount. There are no refunds for stays canceled 60 days or less prior to arrival, unless it can be rerented, in which case the 10% cancellation/change fee still applies. If only a portion of your days are re-rented, you will only be refunded for the days that were rented, minus 10%.

INSURANCE: The premium for Travel Guard Vacation Rental Insurance is available at time of booking. Vacation Rental Insurance reimburses for covered pre-paid non-refundable expenses due to certain unforeseeable circumstances that may cause you to cancel, interrupt or delay your trip. Please review our cancellation policy on our website. Please consider purchasing this to protect your investment. This is particularly important in Sitka reservations as reservations can be made as far as a year ahead, leaving room for many things to happen in your life. Also, weather can be very variable in Sitka, even in the summer, causing delayed arrivals.

SECURITY DEPOSIT: In lieu of a security deposit, we offer an Accidental Damage Protection Plan through Travel Guard that covers unintentional damages to the rental unit interior that occur during your stay, provided they are disclosed to management prior to check-out. The policy will pay a maximum benefit of \$3,000. Any damages that exceed \$3,000 will be charged to the credit card on file. If, during your stay at one of our Rental Properties, an Insured Person causes any damage to real or personal property of the unit as a result of inadvertent acts or omissions, the insurer will reimburse the insured for the cost of repair or replacement of such property up to a maximum benefit of \$3,000. Certain terms and conditions apply. Full details of the Accidental Damage Protection Plan coverage are contained in the Certificate of Insurance or Insurance Policy. The Accidental Damage Protection Plan can be purchased up to, and including at, check-in. If you choose NOT to purchase this policy, damages will be charged to your credit card.

GETTING TO YOUR RENTAL: Transportation is not provided. You can rent a car, hire a taxi, or take the airport or ferry shuttle that also charges a fee. If you are concerned about finding your way, for a fee of \$50, we will be happy to meet you at the airport or ferry and escort you to your rental.

WHAT'S INCLUDED: Each of our homes are individual and have a unique character of its own, so you should check your home's description to see what is included. Most homes do include all furnishings, dishes, bed and bath linens.

CLEANING: If renting a home, a cleaning fee may be added to your invoice that covers your moveout cleaning. If there is not a cleaning fee, you are responsible for leaving the rental in as near arrival condition as possible.

You are required to pay for EXCESSIVE cleaning beyond what is normal for the home you are renting. Excessive cleaning is cleaning that costs more than what you were charged, or what would be considered normal cleaning, based on previous year's cleaning.

Re: Homes: At the end of stay, you are expected to clean your own dishes and empty the trash and pick up all trash that is a result of your stay. General cleaning will be done by our cleaning staff, which include: all beds will be stripped, sprayed/disinfected and replaced with clean linen. All used towels, rugs, and such will be washed and replaced. Bath rooms, kitchen, floors will be disinfected, wiped and cleaned by owner or staff. Anything beyond this will be billed at \$35 per hour to your credit card. Cleaning is not normally provided during your stay, but it can be arranged at \$35 per hour.

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION: As part of this agreement, we require that you authorize Creative Connections to charge any damages or excessive cleaning that may be caused by you or your guests, not covered by either your deposit, or your Security Deposit Waiver to your credit card.

I promise to always treat you ethically and give you an opportunity to respond prior to charging your card.

PETS: Select Homes, Only With Prior Approval: Failure to clean up the yard after your pet WILL result in a cleaning fee of no less than \$25, but may be more depending on the cleanup. Any damage caused by your pet will be charged to your card on file.

SMOKING: WARNING: All Welcome Home Vacation Rentals are Non-Smoking Rentals: If you smoke inside, you WILL be charged on your credit card for; having all bedding, curtains, carpets and walls washed down and disinfected, as well as a minimum of 2 days ozone treatment to remove odors. There are designated smoking areas outside with a butt disposal.

GUEST BEHAVIOR: Guest agrees to leave room/home in the same condition as found and to return keys (if applicable) upon departure.

NUMBER OF GUESTS: The number of Guests shall not exceed the number of Guests on your rental agreement/invoice. If more people are found to occupy premises than on the rental agreement, you may be evicted without a refund, or, if allowed to stay, you must agree to pay for the additional people at a rate of \$25 per night, per extra person. If you exceed the number allowed by the city license, you may be evicted or moved and charged for the higher rental. If evicted, your reservation will not be refunded.

Disturbance Policy: We want all of our guests to have a good time, but keep in mind that our homes are in residential areas and as such, behavior should be considerate. If owner or neighbors are disturbed by your behavior, you may be asked to quieten down, or be asked to leave. If asked to leave due to disturbing behavior, you will not receive a refund.

PRIVACY POLICY: Creative Connections does not share guest information with other companies. We only collect what we need in order to provide you with a rental that meets your needs and what is needed to protect our owners in case of guest damage. We would only share guest info if your stay resulted in damage that resulted in us taking you to court in order to secure restitution for an owner. We do not send unsolicited emails.

Welcome Home Vacations, dba Creative Connections, is a booking and reservation site, owned by Creative Connections of Sitka, Alaska. For questions, please contact: Creative Connections. Phone: 907-747-4712.

Michael/Jacqueline LaGuire	Sharon Romine	Hames Corporation
PO Box 6369	PO Box 1841	1867 Halibut Point Road
Sitka, AK 99835	Sitka, AK 99835	Sitka, AK 99835
Robert Edenso	Victoria D'Amico	Colin Herforth/Chris Jones
608 Biorka Street	PO Box 2191	308 Monastery Street
Sitka, AK 99835	Sitka, AK 99835	Sitka, AK 99835
Mark Hackett Family Trust	Teofilo Agne/Nora	Monica Ballesteroz
500 Lincoln Street B4	410 Monastery Street	PO Box 6625
Sitka, AK 99835	Sitka, AK 99835	Sitka, AK 99835
Michael/Donna Sams	Edward Schoenfeld/Longenbaugh	Lonnie & Salo Swanson
406 Monastery Street	319 B Street	PO Box 552
Sitka, AK 99835	Douglas, AK 99825	Sitka, AK 99835
First Presbyterian Church	Tiffany/Christopher Bryner	John/Candace Bartels
505 Sawmill Creek Road	413 Baranof Street	PO Box 6094
Sitka, AK 99835	Sitka, AK 99835	Sitka, AK 99835
Daniel/Mae Dunsing	Sandra/Anna Lawton	Julie Audette
PO Box 12	604 DeGroff Street	406 Baranof Street
Sitka, AK 99835	Sitka, AK 99835	Sitka, AK 99835
Merle Enloe-Stewart	Jacquelyn Petraborg	George Rohrer
PO Box 1568	606 DeGroff Street	608 DeGroff Street
Sitka, AK 99835	Sitka, AK 99835	Sitka, AK 99835
Rhonda/Michael Bowen	Constance Morgan	Ronald Davis
612 DeGroff Street	C/O PO Box 12	PO Box 11
Sitka, AK 99835	Sitka, AK 99835	Sitka, AK 99835
Peter/Linda Jones	Bud/Evelia Rauscher	Janet Sparks
4118 Halibut Point Road	PO Box 379	611 Sawmill Creek Road
Sitka, AK 99835	Skagway, AK 99840	Sitka, AK 99835

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Mardelle Westover 300 Baranof Street Sitka, AK 99835 John/Karen Thielke 19518 14th Avenue NW Shoreline, WA 98177 Scott Harris/Laura 325 Seward Street Sitka, AK 99835

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