




CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

A COAST GUARD CITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

Thru: John Leach, Municipal Administrator 

From: Assemblymembers Himschoot and Mosher

Date: July 18, 2022

Subject: Establishment of a Sustainability Commission

Background

This Ordinance is meant to facilitate the establishment of a Sustainability Commission with a Sustainability Coordinator staff liaison who will report to the Planning and Community Development Director.

Analysis

Established by Resolution 2020-29A on November 10, 2020, The Climate Action Task Force (CATF) is to be responsible for studying and making recommendations to the Sitka Assembly on ways to plan for and mitigate the impacts of climate change on the City and Borough of Sitka's economy, infrastructure and future development, and methods the City and Borough of Sitka can employ to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases.

They regularly meet the first Tuesday of the month, and the CATF initially consisted of nine members and currently has six members.

The CATF presented priorities to the Assembly, and the priorities were adopted on December 28, 2021. One of the adopted priorities was to establish a Sustainability Commission.

Fiscal Note

There are no additional costs associated with establishing a Sustainability Commission.

Recommendation

We recommend passing the Ordinance to establish a Sustainability Commission and directing the Municipal Administrator to assign the Sustainability Coordinator as the staff liaison to the Sustainability Commission.