

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-36

BALLOT PROPOSITION OCTOBER 2015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA PLACING A
BALLOT QUESTION ON THE REGULAR ELECTION ON OCTOBER 6, 2015
TO AMEND THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF
SITKA AT ARTICLE 13.03 ENTITLED "PROPERTY TAX LIMIT" TO
INCREASE THE MILLAGE RATE LIMIT BY ONE TENTH OF ONE PERCENT
(.001), WHICH WOULD BE SEVEN TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (.007), OR
SEVEN (7.0) MILLS TO BE USED TO SUPPORT THE SITKA SCHOOL
DISTRICT

FAILED ON SECOND READING JULY 28, 2015

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 6, 2015 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 at Article 13.03 entitled "Property Tax Limit," by raising the property tax millage rate limit of 6 mills by 1 mill, to 7 mills.

The City and Borough of Sitka ("Sitka") Assembly intends to use the revenues gained from such an increased property tax millage rate to support the Sitka School District.

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

Section 13.03 Property Tax Limit

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45 The property tax levy shall not exceed ~~six tenths (0.006)~~ seven tenths (0.007)
46 of one per cent (~~6 mill~~)(7 mills) of the assessed valuation of the property to be
47 taxed. The voters may raise this limit by an affirmative vote of the majority of
48 the voters participating in a special or regular election.

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

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55 5. **BALLOT QUESTION.** The following question shall be placed before the
56 voters at the general election to be held on October 6, 2015:

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58 Shall the City and Borough of Sitka Charter at Article 13.03, entitled
59 "Property Tax Limit," be amended to increase the property tax levy limit by
60 1.0 mill, thus not to exceed seven tenths (.007) of one per cent (7.0 mills) of
61 the assessed valuation of taxable property, to support the Sitka School
62 District?

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64 YES NO

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66 **Informational:** An affirmative vote on this question would amend the City
67 and Borough of Sitka Charter at Article 13.03 by increasing the allowable
68 millage rate limit by 1.0 mill, to 7.0 mills.

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70 6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective on the day
71 after the date of its passage. The amendment to the Home Rule Charter of the City and
72 Borough of Sitka set out in Subsection 4 shall only become effective if a majority of the
73 voters voting on this ordinance at the election on October 6, 2015 approve this ordinance,
74 and if a majority of voters so approve then this amendment set out in Subsection 4 shall
75 become effective the day after the election is certified.

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77 **PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and
78 Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 9th day of June, 2015.

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Mim McConnell, Mayor

83 ATTEST:
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85 Sara Peterson
86 Municipal Clerk