CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA, ALASKA PROPOSING TO CLARIFY THE SITKA GENERAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 6.04.080 BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS, BOND

- 1. **CLASSIFICATION.** This ordinance is of a permanent nature and is intended to become a part of the Sitka General Code.
- 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.** As found in Alaska Statute 29.25.050, the municipal clerk is responsible for ensuring that the municipal code is kept current. Sitka's municipal clerk sought legal analysis from Code Publishing Company for a review of the Sitka General Code for state and federal constitutional issues and apparent conflicts. This clarifying change is derived from that review and further analysis.

This section requires certain bond sureties to be executed by residents of the city and borough who are also "the owners of real property therein," perhaps incorrectly insinuating that an apartment dweller's bond is less sure than a real property owner.

4. **ENACTMENT.** NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that the following section of the Sitka General Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Title 6 BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS

6.04.080 Bond.

The application shall be accompanied by a bond in the amount of one hundred dollars for an annual license and fifty dollars for a license of less than a year. The bond may be cash; or a bond executed by the applicant and a surety company doing business in the state of Alaska and authorized to do business therein; or by the applicant and two or more qualified sureties who are residents of the city and borough and the owners of real property therein; which bond shall be conditioned that all ordinances of the city and borough have been complied with.

5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective on the day after the date of its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 24th day of March, 2015.

Matthew Hunter, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

Colleen Ingman, MMC Municipal Clerk