

Sponsors: Assembly Member Thor Christianson
and Mayor Cheryl Westover

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-33

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AMENDING
SITKA GENERAL CODE BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 4.44 ENTITLED
"SOUTHEAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND"

1. CLASSIFICATION. This Ordinance is of a permanent nature and is intended to become a part of the Sitka General Code ("SGC") if approved by the Assembly.

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 circumstance shall not be affected.

3. PURPOSE. This Ordinance adds a new SGC chapter 4.44 entitled "Southeast Economic Development Fund" ("Fund"). The Ordinance codifies within the SGC this existing Fund, that consists of monies from federal legislation regarding the Southeast Alaska Economic Disaster Fund, that occurred after the Alaska Pulp Corporation shut down. It is a revolving fund for private sector loans, requiring interest to be paid at a rate set by the Assembly. The basic procedures for applying and obtaining approval for loans from this Fund are set out in this Ordinance, with Long-Range Planning and Economic Development Commission reviewing and making recommendations regarding applications after consulting with the Finance Director, and with final approval or modification by the Assembly.

4. ENACTMENT. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that Title 4, Revenue and Finance, is amended to add a new Chapter 44 entitled "Southeast Economic Development Fund" as follows (new language underlined; deleted language stricken):

Title 4

REVENUE AND FINANCE

Chapters:

4.04 Budgetary Organization

4.05 Marine Passenger Fee Fund

4.06 Allocation of Revenues from Sale of Water

4.09 Sales Tax

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3. The applicant has all necessary licenses and permits to do business with the city and borough, and the applicant is not delinquent on any of their accounts with the city and borough, including sales taxes, property taxes, hotel, motel, bed and breakfast transient room rental tax, and utility payments.

C. The Assembly shall decide whether to approve the loan, including whether to grant the full amount requested or a lesser amount, and whether to set any conditions.

D. Any loan granted under this Fund requires interest to be charged at a rate to be determined by the Assembly.

E. This is a revolving fund, with all loan repayment deposited in the Fund.

5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be effective the day after the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka passes, approves, and adopts this Ordinance.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this ____ day of _____, 2010.

Cheryl Westover, Mayor

ATTEST:

Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk