

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO PORT AGREEMENTS WITH CRUISE LINE CORPORATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SATISFYING REQUIREMENTS OF THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION TO ALLOW CRUISE SHIPS TO VISIT THE PORT OF SITKA IN CALENDAR YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued the “Framework for Conditional Sailing and Initial Phase COVID-19 Testing Requirements for Protection of Crew” (“Conditional Sailing Order”) on October 30, 2020, as a framework for a phased resumption of cruise ship operations; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2021, the CDC issued further “Technical Instructions for a Cruise Ship Operator’s Agreement with Port and Local Health Authorities under CDC’s Framework for Conditional Sailing Order” and a “Checklist for Port and Local Health Authorities: Cruise Ship Operator Agreements under CDC’s Framework for Conditional Sailing Order”; and

WHEREAS, the CDC’s framework was further supplemented by the CDC’s April 28, 2021 letter allowing cruise ship operators to submit an attestation to CDC under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 that 98 percent of crew are fully vaccinated and submit to CDC a clear and specific vaccination plan and timeline to limit cruise ship sailings to 95 percent of passengers who have been verified by the cruise ship operator as fully vaccinated prior to sailing, thereby enabling cruise ship operators to resume restricted passenger voyages without conducting simulated passenger voyages; and

WHEREAS, the CDC’s framework was further supplemented on May 12, 2021, by the CDC authorizing cruise ship operators, at their discretion, to advise passengers and crew that—if they are fully vaccinated—they may engage in self-guided or independent exploration during port stops, if they wear a mask while indoors.

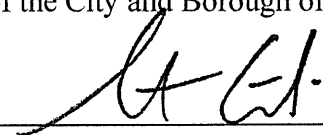
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA, ALASKA:

Section 1. Port Agreement Authorization. The Municipal Administrator is authorized to enter into individual or multi-port agreements provided that the following conditions are met;

- A. Cruise Ship Operators agree to provide ship schedules to the Municipal Administrator for approval.
- B. Cruise Ship Operators must agree to meet current CDC vaccination standards for ships that have a scheduled stop in the Port of Sitka.
- C. Other conditions that are necessary for the protection of the public health of Sitka’s citizens and visitors as determined by the CBS Assembly or the CBS Emergency Operations Center.


Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska
on this 25th day of May, 2021.



Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading 5/25/2021

Sponsor: Administrator