




City and Borough of Sitka

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Coast Guard City, USA

Memorandum

TO: Jay Sweeney, Interim Municipal Administrator
Mayor Mim McConnell and Members of the Assembly

FROM: Randy Hughes, Assessing Director 

SUBJECT: Amendments to the Property Tax Provisions at SGC Chapter 4.12
Entitled "Property Tax"

DATE: July 23rd 2013

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jay Sweeney, Mayor McConnell and all the Assembly Members for their support and direction regarding the proposed changes to SGC Chapter 4.12.

I also want to apologize for not being in attendance for the second reading. I will be attending the Alaska Association of Assessing Officers Summer Meeting representing Sitka and all of Southeast Alaska as the Region 2 Board Member.

There is one area regarding the implementation that does need discussion/direction. As stated in the information packet:

Implementation Procedures:

- The Assessor's Office would like to propose a fresh start for all personal property accounts by granting amnesty for any fees, penalties and interest associated with previously unreported assets. The amnesty period is limited to the 2014 reporting period, and only those assets self-declared by the taxpayer.

The Assessor does not have, and is not requesting, any authority to grant any amnesty for fees, penalties and interest for any purpose. The amnesty could be granted by Assembly action if adopted by resolution. If approved, the billing and collection section of the Finance Department would be the recipient of such a directive.