



City and Borough of Sitka

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Paxton and Members of the Assembly
Hugh Bevan, Interim Municipal Administrator

Through: Amy Ainslie, Director, Department of Planning and Community Development *AA*

From: Scott Brylinsky, Special Projects Manager *SB*

Subject: **Code amendments to create a legal status for tiny houses and tiny houses on chassis, provide safety standards, and options for placement**

Date: February 4, 2020

Background

At the last Assembly meeting the Assembly voted to postpone action on the attached proposed ordinance. Direction was given to incorporate comments generated by discussion at that meeting. Changes have been made as follows:

1. Line 97 - Added definition of “chassis.”
2. Lines 160 and 518 – Added exception clarifying that “tiny house on chassis” does not include recreational vehicles, self-propelled vehicles, and fifth-wheel trailers.
3. Line 337 – added clarification that International Residential Code requirements for a “tiny house on chassis” apply from the floor joists up.
4. Line 432 – added provision addressing structural requirements for chassis.

Recommendation

Motion to approve the ordinance on first reading.

Attachments

FAQ's

Excerpt from draft minutes of January 15, 2020 Planning Commission meeting