

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-50

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AMENDING TITLE 11  
“VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” OF THE SITKA GENERAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER  
11.80 “PERMANENT MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER REGISTRATION”**

**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 circumstance shall not be affected.

**3. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to permit the permanent registration of non-commercial motor vehicles if the motor vehicle is at least eight years old and the owner resides in the City and Borough of Sitka (the “CBS”). It is also the purpose of this ordinance to permit the permanent registration of non-commercial trailers if the owner resides in the CBS. AS 28.10.155(a) and AS 28.10.421(j) permit such permanent registrations when authorized by passage of an appropriate ordinance of the unorganized borough or municipality seeking permanent registrations. This is such an appropriate ordinance. The intent of this ordinance to take advantage of the State of Alaska permanent registration laws which would provide the benefits of convenience and reduced fees and taxes to eligible motor vehicle and trailer owners within the CBS. The CBS does not require the registration of motor vehicles and trailers. The State of Alaska does require the registration of motor vehicles and trailers, along with the payment of attendant fees and taxes.

**4. ENACTMENT.** NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that the Sitka General Code Title 11, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, be amended by adding Chapter 11.80, entitled “Permanent Motor Vehicle and Trailer Registration”, and Sections 11.80.010, entitled “Motor vehicles”, Section 11.80.020, entitled “Trailers”, and Section 11.080.030, entitled “Application, fees and taxes”, to read as follows (deleted language stricken, new language underlined):

**Title 11  
VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

**Chapters:**

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**11.80 Permanent Motor Vehicle and Trailer Registration**

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**Chapter 11.80  
PERMANENT MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER REGISTRATION**

**Sections:**

11.80.010 Motor vehicles.  
11.80.020 Trailers.

11.80.030 Application, fees and taxes.

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**11.80.010 Motor vehicles.**

Pursuant to the authority granted under AS 28.10.155(a), the owner of a motor vehicle, other than a commercial motor vehicle, that is required to be registered under Title 28, Chapter 10, of the Alaska Statutes, may elect to register the motor vehicle permanently in lieu of registration under AS 28.10.108 if the vehicle is at least eight years old and owner resides in the city and borough of Sitka. The permanent registration expires when the owner transfers or assigns the owner's title or interest in the vehicle. A permanent registration may not be renewed.

**11.80.020 Trailers.**

Pursuant to the authority granted under AS 28.10.421(j), when a person registers a trailer not used or maintained for the transportation of persons or property for hire or for other commercial use, including a boat trailer, baggage trailer, box trailer, utility trailer, house trailer, travel trailer, or trailer rented or offered for rent, the person may choose to register the trailer permanently if the person resides in the city and borough of Sitka.

**11.80.030 Application, fees, and taxes.**

The proper application, fees, and taxes required for permanent registration of motor vehicles and trailers, as well as issuance of a permanent registration, shall be as required and provided under Title 28, Chapter 10, of the Alaska Statutes.

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

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

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Gary L. Paxton, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sara Peterson, MMC  
Municipal Clerk

1<sup>st</sup> reading 9/22/2020

2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading 10/13/2020

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