

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-52

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AMENDING TITLE 2 "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE SITKA GENERAL CODE CHAPTER 2.04 "CITY AND BOROUGH ASSEMBLY" BY AMENDING SECTION 2.04.040 "COMMITTEES"

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 establish that standing committees need only be convened and appointed at the discretion of the assembly by a majority vote of its members.

4. ENACTMENT. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that the Sitka General Code Title 2, entitled "Administration", be amended by editing Chapter 2.04, entitled "City and Borough Assembly", at Section 2.04.040, entitled "Committees," to read as follows (deleted language stricken, new language underlined):

Title 2 ADMINISTRATION

Chapters:

2.04 City And Borough Assembly

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Chapter 2.04 CITY AND BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Sections:

- 2.04.010 Agenda.
- 2.04.020 Meetings.
- 2.04.035 Introduction of ordinances and resolutions.
- 2.04.040 Committees.

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2.04.040 Committees.

A. The assembly shall have the following standing committees:

1. Police and fire;
2. Utilities and finance;
3. Airport, harbors and transportation;
4. Streets and roads;
5. Parks and recreation;
6. Public sanitation;

7. Public health services;

and shall have such special committees as may be appointed. Any ~~assemblyman~~member shall be privileged to sit with any committee at all times; such ~~assemblyman~~member shall have the right to participate in committee discussion except that members of the committee shall have priority to obtaining the floor and only committee members may vote. Reasonable opportunity for the public to be heard shall be allowed. Special committees automatically terminate upon completion of the assignment given to them upon formation of the committee.

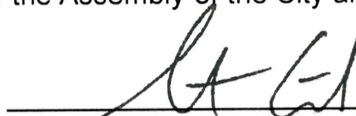
B. Selection of the Committees. Upon organization annually at the first meeting following certification of the election for assembly members, if the assembly by a majority vote of its members decides to make committee appointments to any standing and/or special committee, a committee on committees shall be appointed by the mayor to recommend committee appointments to the ~~chair~~mayor. The mayor then appoints the committees, but ~~he~~the mayor is not bound by the recommendation of the committee ~~on~~of committees. The committee appointments are subject to ratification by a majority of the members of the assembly. If appointments are not made to a standing committee or any special committee formed, such committees shall not convene or act.

C. Committee of the Whole. The presiding officer may appoint another member of the body to preside over the committee of the whole. Upon adjourning, the committee of the whole, the mayor resumes the chair and the member who acted as chairman of the committee of the whole shall make a report of the proceedings and recommendations of the committee of the whole to the assembly. Generally the rules of the assembly shall be followed in the committee of the whole except at the discretion of the chair the rules may be relaxed and the rules relating to participation by the presiding officer and the number of times a member should speak shall not be in effect unless a majority of the committee orders that they be. Reasonable opportunity for the public to be heard shall be allowed.

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

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, this 24 day of November, 2020.



Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st reading 11/10/2020

2nd and final reading 11/24/2020

Sponsors: Mosher and Nelson