

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-32

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA, ALASKA AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF THE "OLD CITY SHOPS" PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1306, 1410 AND 1414 HALIBUT POINT ROAD FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO COMPETITIVE BID TO THE VOTERS AT THE REGULAR ELECTION ON OCTOBER 3, 2006

1. **CLASSIFICATION.** Portions of this ordinance are of a permanent nature depending upon the approval by the voters of the ballot question in Section 5 at the regular election on October 3, 2006. Though no part of this ordinance is intended to become 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.** On October 3, 2000 a majority of qualified voters of the municipality authorized the sale of the "Old City Shops" property by competitive bid. Since 2000 the need for affordable housing in Sitka has grown. Acquiring affordable property appears to be the main deterrent for obtaining affordable housing in Sitka. The City and Borough has no longer a need for the "Old City Shops" property as the facilities have been relocated. The City and Borough of Sitka identified affordable housing as its number one priority in Sitka. It would be in the interest of the citizens of Sitka to authorize the disposal of this property for an affordable housing project to facilitate that priority.

4. **ENACTMENT.** NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that affordable housing is a number one priority in Sitka and that disposing of the "Old City Shops" property for that need is in the best interest of the municipality. The disposal of the property for such purposes by competitive bidding is inappropriate. The City and Borough is authorized to dispose of the "Old City Shops" property, without being subject to competitive bidding, for the purpose of developing an affordable housing project that is available to all, regardless of ethnicity. The terms of such disposal are subject to approval by a subsequent ordinance of the Assembly.

5. **BALLOT QUESTION.** The following question shall be placed before the voters at the general election to be held on October 3, 2006:

Shall the City and Borough of Sitka dispose of the "Old City Shops" property located at 1306, 1410 and 1414 Halibut Point Road for an affordable housing project without being subject to competitive bid, as previously required by Ordinance 2000-1584, and that will be available to all regardless of ethnicity?

YES () NO ()

Informational: A yes vote on this ordinance would mean you intend to rescind the requirement under Ordinance 2000-1584 that the property must be sold by competitive bid, passed by the voters in 2000, and that you want the property used for an affordable housing project that is available to all ethnic groups.


6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 4 of this ordinance shall become effective upon ratification of the election results if the voters approve the question at the regular election held on October 3, 2006.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 27th day of July, 2006.



Marko Dapceвич, Mayor

ATTEST:



Colleen Pellett, MMC
Municipal Clerk