

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH
ORDINANCE #2026-07**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PETERSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 4.80 TO
ADJUST THE MARINE PASSENGER FEE TO ADDRESS INCREASED BOROUGH COSTS
ASSOCIATED WITH SERVICES TO AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR MARINE PASSENGER
VESSELS AND THEIR PASSENGERS**

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Borough Assembly finds that costs associated with public safety, harbor facilities, sanitation, emergency response, and other Borough services have substantially increased since the marine passenger fee was adopted on March 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, an increase to the marine passenger fee is necessary to ensure the Borough can continue to provide adequate services and maintain infrastructure impacted by marine passenger vessels.

THEREFORE, THE PETERSBURG BOROUGH ORDAINS as follows:

Section 1. Classification:

This ordinance is of a permanent nature and shall be codified in the Petersburg Municipal Code.

Section 2. Purpose:

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 4.80, Marine Passenger Fee, to increase the per-passenger fee by \$3.00 in order to address the Borough's rising costs for services and infrastructure rendered to or for the benefit of marine passenger vessels visiting the Borough.

Section 3. Substantive Provisions:

Petersburg Municipal Code 4.80.030, *Imposition of Fee*, is hereby amended to read as follows (the language proposed for deletion is struck through, and the new language is **bold and underlined**):

4.80 Marine Passenger Fee

4.80.030 Imposition of fee.

A. A fee of **\$8.00** ~~5.00~~ per passenger shall be assessed for every marine passenger ship not otherwise exempted upon entry into any port within the Borough.

B. The per passenger fee imposed under this Chapter shall be assessed only once per cruise, at the time of first entry by a ship into any port within the Borough.

Section 4. Severability:

If any provision of this ordinance or any application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application of other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

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Section 5. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption, however the fee increase established in Section 3 shall not go into effect until January 1, 2027.

Passed and approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly, Petersburg, Alaska this 1st day of June, 2026



Robert Lynn, Mayor

Attest: 

Rebecca Regula, Borough Clerk

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