



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Sales Tax Ordinance Review Committee

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

12:01 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Present 5 - Committee Member John Murgass, Committee Member Sue Flint, Committee Member Hillary Whitethorn, Committee Member Nancy Strand, and Committee Member Lee Corrao

Absent 2 - Committee Member Fran Jones, and Committee Member Shelly Pope

2. Approval of the Minutes

This was approved

Meeting Minutes from 1-3-14

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 1-3-14.pdf](#)

This Minutes was approved

3. Amendment & Approval of Meeting Agenda

This was approved

4. Visitors Views Unrelated to Agenda

None

5. Visitors Views Related to Agenda

None

6. Staff Report

None

7. Unfinished Business

None

8. New Business

Municipal Taxation in Alaska

Attachments: [Municipal Class Tax Types.pdf](#)

This Report was discussed

Examples of other taxation in Sitka/Juneau.

Attachments: [Examples of other taxation in SE communities \(Sitka & Juneau\).pdf](#)

Alcohol Tax was reviewed - Committee member Hilary Whitethorn spoke against this tax citing that her business (Kito's Kave) employed many people and they are already competing with the other outside businesses (Costco). Liz Bacom spoke on the impact of alcohol in the community. The hospital absorbs a large part of the cost of patient encounters due to alcohol related events. Liz Woodyard spoke that many times the intoxicated individual doesn't have insurance and thus the hospital has to absorb the costs. Tobacco Tax was reviewed in other communities - Liz Woodyard spoke on how other communities are charging this tax and using the proceeds for their local hospital capital projects. Petersburg Medical Center is aging and is at some point going to need to be looked at. Liz Bacom spoke on how the C-T scanner that helps to locate nodules costs thousands of dollars to lease/maintain, the hospital had 153 tobacco related encounters. Pull Tabs - Sally Dwyer, Al Dwyer, Steve Barry, Ron Lindsey, Jim Swanson, Doug Welde, and Hilary Whitethorn all spoke against taxing pull tabs and how they provide value to the community in forms of scholarships, health and welfare, little league, swim team, etc. Fish Box Tax was briefly discussed, Sitka currently has this tax, they also have a driver facility charge which is basically a tax on rental cars, the committee decided that it wouldn't be worth the small amount of revenue it would bring in to collect it. No recommendations were made at the meeting.

This Report was discussed

- 9. **Communication**
- 10. **Discussion Items**
- 11. **Adjournment**

Meeting ended at approximately 1pm

This was adjourned