



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Sales Tax Ordinance Review Committee

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

12:00 PM

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Others In Attendance: Finance Director Tow, Sales Tax Finance Staff - Anne Hurt, Dr. Steve Lowry

Present 6 - Committee Member John Murgass, Committee Member Hillary Whitethorn, Committee Member Nancy Strand, Committee Member Lee Corrao, Committee Member Fran Jones, and Committee Member Shelly Pope

2. Approval of the Minutes

None Presented

3. Amendment & Approval of Meeting Agenda

4. Visitors Views Unrelated to Agenda

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6. Staff Report

a. Sales Tax Report - Anne Hurt, Finance Clerk for Petersburg Borough

Anne Hurt, who has worked in the sales tax department of the Petersburg Borough for the past three years gave a brief report and stated that it was the businesses that bear the burden of all the tax exemptions in the borough. That processing the information on the borough's end is not that difficult. She discussed that breaking down the number of senior sales tax cards vs. the total amount of senior exemptions equated to approximately \$45 per month in sales tax per senior. A list of exemptions was highlighted of recommended exemptions to keep and others to consider modifying or removing.

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Recommended Exemptions Attachment

Attachments: [Anne Hurt - Recommended Exemptions.pdf](#)

7. Unfinished Business

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Sales Tax Committee Mission Statement

To review the sales tax code, to simplify the code and collection procedures, and to generate an equal or greater amount of revenue so the Borough does not have to decrease services or increase property taxes.

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Petersburg Gaming Information

Attachments: [Gaming Information specific to Petersburg Alaska.pdf](#)
presented

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Alaska Department of Labor - Population Projections

Attachments: [Alaska Dept. of Labor Report.pdf](#)

Liz Carera from PEDC was in attendance to discuss information. It was explained that these numbers do include the community of Kake.

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Property Tax and Sales Tax Over Last Six Years

Attachments: [Sales Tax & Property Tax Line Graph](#)

Finance Director Tow discussed the line chart and explained how the property tax revenues collected for operations have remained flat over the last six years. Sales Tax shows a dip in the collected revenue for FY 2010 and FY 2011 due to the recession but has been increasing since that time. The senior exemption line graph supports the data of the population projections in that Petersburg's senior population is increasing.

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FY 2013 "Other" Sales Tax Exemptions

Attachments: [Other Exemptions Pie Chart](#)

8. New Business

a. Meeting Schedule and Topics

It was decided to take a section of the current Sales Tax Ordinance at a time to discuss at each meeting. All text up to the exemptions will be discussed at the following meeting set for October 29th at noon. (After the meeting it was changed to October 30th at noon due to a scheduling conflict).

9. Communication

10. Discussion Items

11. Adjournment