Presented by: The Manager
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 3051am

A Resolution Petitioning the Alaska State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to Issue up to 8 Additional Restaurant or Eating Place Licenses within the City and Borough of Juneau Under Alaska Statute 04.11.405.

P1 WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau ("CBJ") is incorporated as a home rule municipality and is eligible to seek additional Restaurant or Eating Place Licenses (REPL) from the Alaska State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board through the process outlined in Alaska Statute ("AS") 04.11.405; and

P2 WHEREAS, the CBJ is the state capital and hub of regional commerce in Southeast Alaska a region containing almost 40,000 residents, not including the CBJ, and where recent non-summer average monthly visitation data shows deplanements of nearly 30,000 non-residents and ferry disembarkations of 4,000 non-residents; and

P3 WHEREAS, approximately 32,000 people live in the CBJ year-round, Juneau employs over 15,000 local resident workers, over 4,000 nonresident workers, has 1.6 million yearly visitors, and those workers and visitors rely on the CBJ for goods and services meeting the requirements outlined in AS 04.11.405(b)(1)(A); and

P4 WHEREAS, the Juneau Police Department has 40 sworn peace officers and numerous other staff members to provide local law enforcement services including police patrol and criminal investigation, meeting the conditions outlined in AS 04.11.405(b)(1)(B); and

P5 WHEREAS, the CBJ Planning Commission and Planning staff are tasked with wide-ranging planning and land use authority including, but not limited to, zoning regulation and oversight, management of CBJ lands, and updates to the CBJ Comprehensive Plan (CBJC Title 49), meeting the conditions outlined in AS 04.11.405(b)(1)(C); and

P6 WHEREAS, the CBJ currently exceeds the number of licenses allowed under AS 04.11.040(a) with 23 active REPLs, meeting the conditions outlined in AS 04.11.405(b)(1)(D) and (c)(3)(B); and

P7 WHEREAS, when considering the cumulative number of geographically-integrated populations, residents versus non-residents, the CBJ has over 32,000 residents; over 4,000 nonresident workers, and over 1.6 million visitors each year, well above the additional population that would be required for the 8 additional licenses requested to maintain the 1 to 1,500 ratio mandated under Title 4; and

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WHEREAS, allowing the sale of beer and wine at additional local restaurants would allow for an increase in consumer options for locals and visitors and more opportunities for local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the increased REPL would enhance CBJ's local economic development and create additional jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. The Assembly hereby petitions the Alaska State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to issue up to 8 additional restaurant or eating place licenses within the CBJ under AS 04.11.405.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 18th day of November 2024.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk

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