

Ord 2022-12 Amendment _____ (via Assemblymember Woll)

Motion: I move to amend Ordinance 2022-12 to add the following whereas clauses, which would identify this ordinance as part of a process to better regulate cruise ship tourism in the CBJ:

1. WHEREAS, the recent Visitor Industry Task Force provided recommendations for a framework to better manage cruise ship tourism;
2. WHEREAS, adoption of this ordinance does not direct the Planning Commission to issue a permit for a fifth cruise ship dock, but this ordinance clarifies that the Long Range Waterfront Plan does allow a fifth cruise ship dock in the Subport area;
3. WHEREAS, the Assembly's intent of this ordinance is to allow a fifth cruise ship dock in the Subport area if the fifth dock: provides infrastructure to prevent hot-berthing at the existing docks, especially at the AJ dock; provides infrastructure that prevents a large cruise ship from anchoring-out or using dynamic positioning technology to stay in Gastineau Channel for tourism purposes; minimizes congestion of pedestrians and tourism-related vehicles east of Seward Street; and other purposes to balance the needs of the community;
4. WHEREAS, the Assembly wants large cruise ships to stay at one of the cruise ship docks for a large portion of the day to minimize congestion, to maximize authentic Alaska shore-side excursions for tourists, and to minimize harm to the community;
5. WHEREAS, the Assembly directs the City Manager to continue exploring methods to achieve the intent of this ordinance, which may involve future legislation, contract negotiations, expenditures, property acquisitions, and public meetings;