INITIATIVE AFFIDAVIT OF PETITIONERS COMMITTEE
CITY & BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
Reference: CBJ Charter Articles VI, VII, VIII & XIV and CBJ Code 29.10 Initiative and Petition

Initiative Short Title: Ship Free Saturdays

WHEREAS, the Juneau “cruise season” adversely impacts Juneau residents’ health and quality of life; and
WHEREAS, the cruise industry has created a Juneau “cruise season” this year, 2024, of 195 days to run from April 9-October 24, and without pause for 142 days, from May 2-September 27; and
WHEREAS, a majority of Juneau residents think that our local government is not doing enough to manage cruise tourism; and
WHEREAS, city leaders and industry have had decades to act and have failed to balance the economic benefits to some against the economic and other harms of the many imposed by the cruise tourism industry; and
WHEREAS, residents are displaced by cruise industry overtourism from downtown, the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area, and recreation and food harvesting on area lands and waters; and
WHEREAS, excess human presence and human-driven noise from overtourism sullies the sentient, sacred, divine, and living ancestral natural environment necessary for cultural and spiritual health and growth; and
WHEREAS, health, learning, productivity, and enjoyment are diminished by air pollution, noise, light pollution, and traffic from cruise ships, tour buses, helicopters, floatplanes, and boats; and
WHEREAS, Ship Free Saturdays would provide one day per week, in a consistent and predictable manner, for rest, recovery, recreation, fishing, gathering, and events and activities at home, downtown, and elsewhere in the community; and
WHEREAS, Ship Free Saturdays would give businesses providing cruise industry services one predictable day per week to schedule maintenance and time off. This pause could result in safer, cleaner, and better operations and happier employees; and
WHEREAS, Ship Free Saturdays would enhance the experiences of independent visitors; and
WHEREAS, the Fourth of July is a day of community celebration and festivity that extends along our waterfront and through our narrow downtown streets. Making July Fourth cruise ship free opens possibilities for additional community use and enjoyment of our downtown and harbor throughout the entire day.

SHALL THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU CODE BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1. Title 20, Business Regulations, is amended to create a new chapter entitled CBJ 20.50 Cruise Ships, with a new section to read as follows:
20.50.010. No cruise ship with a capacity of 250 passengers or more shall be allowed to dock, moor, or disembark passengers within the City and Borough of Juneau boundaries on any Saturday or July 4.

Section 2. CBJ 85.10.050 (k), Harbor Administration, Parking, is amended to add as follows:

(7) All downtown waterfront parking restricted for commercial vehicle use relating to cruise tourism shall be available and posted for free public parking on Saturdays and July 4.

Section 3. Effective Date. This initiative shall be effective 30 days after the election is certified.

The following qualified voters and residents of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, state under oath that they constitute the petitioners committee for the above referenced initiative. The coalition has been formed and will be responsible for circulating booklets for voter signatures.

All notices should be mailed to:
Name: Karla Hart
Address: 4950 Wren Drive, Juneau, Alaska 99801
Phone: 907-957-6723
Email address: karlajhart@gmail.com

DATED this 9th day of April, 2024.

Please Print: Legal Names and Mailing Addresses of each Member of the Petitioner’s Committee:
1. Karla J. Hart, 4950 Wren Drive, Juneau, AK 99801.
2. Kimberly Metcalfe Helmar, 730 Gold Street, Juneau, AK 99801
3. Linda Blefgen, 11435 Glacier Highway, 2A, Juneau, AK 99801
4. Stacy A. Eldemar, 9057 Ninnis Drive, Juneau, AK 99801
5. Steven Krall, 875 Basin Road, Juneau, AK 99801
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Karla J. Hart (Signature of Petitioner)
Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Karla J. Hart
Residence and Mailing Addresses: 4950 Wren Drive, Juneau, Alaska 99801
and Date of Birth: __________

Kimberly Metcalfe Helmar (Signature of Petitioner)
Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Kimberly Metcalfe Helmar
Residence and Mailing Addresses: 730 Gold Street, Juneau, AK 99801
Date of Birth: __________

Linda Blefgen (Signature of Petitioner)
Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Linda Blefgen
Residence and Mailing Addresses: 11435 Glacier Highway, 2A, Juneau, AK 99801
and Date of Birth: __________

Stacy A. Eldemar (Signature of Petitioner)
Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Stacy A. Eldemar
Residence and Mailing Addresses: 9057 Ninnis Drive, Juneau, AK 99801
and Date of Birth: __________

Steven Krall (Signature of Petitioner)
Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Steven Krall
Residence and Mailing Addresses: 875 Basin Road, Juneau, AK 99801
and Date of Birth: __________

State of Alaska
Judicial District First SS

On this 9th day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Karla J. Hart, Kimberly Metcalfe Helmar, Linda Blefgen, Stacy A. Eldemar, and Steven Krall known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.
In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

(Notary’s printed name)
My commission expires 5/10/2026

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