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The task force is charged with many things I care about, but at the top of my list is limiting the number of ships and passengers that will manage impacts and set a broad 10-year tourism direction for Juneau.

Since 2024, there has been a voluntary agreement of a five-ship per day limit between the city and the cruise lines. https://www.ktoo.org/2023/04/18/juneau-limits-future-cruise-tourism-as-first-ship-docks/ The ships that come to Juneau are getting bigger and bigger, so the allowed five ships carry more and more passengers. In May of this year, a federal court held that a 1000-cruise-ship-passenger-limit daily cap imposed by Bar Harbor, Maine, could be enforced during peak cruise ship tourism months. https://www.mainepublic.org/business-and-economy/2026-05-20/bar-harbor-can-only-enforce-cruise-ship-passenger-caps-in-july-and-august-judge-rules

In light of that clarification of the legal landscape, to keep the number of visitors at level that will provide a better balance for residents, and a better experience for visitors, **please codify in ordinance (not just via a voluntary agreement) a borough-wide five-ship daily limit so that the limit is enforceable by law. Also, codify a daily limit on the number of passengers to be enforced during the entire cruise ship season.**

On behalf of downtown residents, thank you for working to balance the need for a downtown core that is vibrant and attractive but is also safe and walkable during the peak season.

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