

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly approving in response to an application from Alaska Indian Arts, Inc., as recommended by the borough assessor, a community purpose property tax exemption for the Parade Grounds property at Fort Seward, and requiring an updated plat within one year of exemption approval.

WHEREAS, Haines Borough Code 3.70.040(D) provides for a Community Purpose Exemption for real property owned by an organization not organized for business or profit-making purposes and used exclusively for community purposes, provided the organization applies and meets the code and policy community purpose standards and requirements, and receives assembly approval; and

WHEREAS, a complete application was received from Alaska Indian Arts, Inc. (AIA) requesting a Community Purpose Exemption for real property account C-PTC-0G-0000, Block G, Port Chilkoot Subdivision, also known as the "Parade Grounds"; and

WHEREAS, the parade grounds property is located at Fort William H. Seward and is an integral part of the National Historic Landmark and serves as a public space for recreation and cultural events; and

WHEREAS, the borough assessor evaluated the request and recommends the borough assembly grant Community Purpose Exemption status because the property qualifies for this exemption under the criteria outlined in HBC 3.70.040(D)(1)(a-k); and

WHEREAS, this property has some unique circumstances including 1) access to and from the property does not follow the platted right-of-way, 2) the most recent plat does not identify parking areas for either public or private use that are currently being used for that purpose, and 3) the one acre, taxable parcel which is leased for commercial use also has two structures on it (the tribal house and art gallery) that have been exempt from real property taxes as a local exemption along with the parade grounds; and

WHEREAS, while the assessor may disregard insignificant non-community-purpose use, the above circumstances have been questioned by the general public; therefore, the assessor recommends an updated plat amending the right of way, identifying parking areas, and identifying the commercial use parcel as a "conforming" lot with an appropriate name be recorded with the Haines Recording District within one year of the assembly's approval of this exemption; and

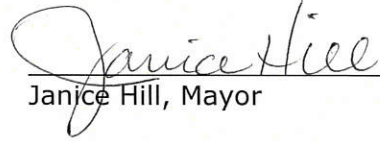
WHEREAS, HBC 3.70.040(D)(5)(c) requires the assessor to forward community purpose exemption applications to the assembly along with a recommendation for approval or denial,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Haines Borough Assembly:

Section One: Approves in response to an application from Alaska Indian Arts, Inc., as recommended by the borough assessor, a Community Purpose Property Tax Exemption for properties specified in this resolution; and

Section Two: Requires Alaska Indian Arts, Inc. to record within one year of the adoption of this resolution an updated plat amending the right of way, identifying parking areas, and identifying the commercial use portion as a "conforming" lot with an appropriate name.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 14th day of June, 2016.



Janice Hill, Mayor

Attest:



Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk

