Public Comment Review - DRAFT

July 2027



Comments after July 9th



**Outstanding Themes from Public Comments and April 30th Business Recommendations memo**

Construction - CBJ Permitting changes – remove barriers, reduce fees

Tourism - CBJ Fees

* Refund CBJ Fees paid for 2020 season, defer 2021 fees until later in season
* Expedite sales tax refunds from returns/refund requests
* reduce fees for dock front sales booths, freeze permit costs, reduce Dock Passenger fees

Renewable energy – define ways to further programs to reduce energy costs – near term cost savings, long term benefit. Such as Heat Smart

Downtown property tax/rent relief – various suggested forms:

* In fall, adjust property taxes on empty buildings
* Incent downtown landlords to reduce rents with reduced property tax

Tourism - Focus on 2021 season – define ways to aid businesses in preparation for it

* reduce expenses so businesses have ability to get up and running (rent, taxes, fees)
* support small cruise industry, as large cruise industry may take longer to rebound

Promote downtown business:

* Designated curbside pickup spots
* Sales tax free days
* Enforce tax collection from online retailers

Commercial Fisherman support

* Moorage fees, safe dock sales, marketing support,
* Community cold storage facility

Specific projects

* Remove city barriers to archipelago project
* Juneau Access

Expand JOS

Job training initiatives - in general, but also, to ensure that the jobs created by other initiatives can be filled by local candidates.

**Other thoughts:**

Eviction moratoriums lifting – programs to incent landlords to defer eviction of commercial tenants

* Lease negotiation support
* Reach out to attorneys who might offer pro bono support to assist

Heading into winter – aggregating resources for utility support for residents/businesses