

iRide Alaska, LLC

dba Segway Alaska

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Dan Bleidorn
City and Borough of Juneau
Division of Lands & Resources
155 S. Seward Street
Juneau AK 99801

Re: Commercial Use Permit

Dear Mr. Bleidorn,

iRide Alaska, LLC dba Segway Alaska has been an established company since 2019. We have been offering guided Segway tours for the past three years and are currently requesting a commercial use permit to use city land for a guided e-bike tour on North Douglas. Below are the details of our request.

PERMIT REQUEST: Commercial Use Permit on the West Douglas Road Extension

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY PROPOSED ON CITY LAND:

We are proposing a guided e-bike tour on the four-mile West Douglas Road Extension. These guided tour groups will be riding e-bikes from a drop off point near the North Douglas Boat launch ramp up to the intersection of the West Douglas Road Extension and the North Douglas Highway and continuing onto the West Douglas Road Extension (CBJ land) and riding to the end of the gravel road and back. Tours will stop at various locations along the road to look at attractions and possibly include a short hike in the woods to see an old growth forest and muskeg.

GUIDED TOUR LOGISTICS:

- Two guides per group.
- Group sizes will range from 4 to 15 people.
- Three tours a day will be offered, 6 days a week with no tours on Sunday.
- Each tour will run approximately an hour and a half.
- Tours will be offered at approximately 10:00a, 1:00p, and 4:00p, though times will vary depending on cruise ship schedules.
- Tour groups and e-bikes will be dropped off and picked up near the North Douglas Boat launch ramp.
- Storage of e-Bikes will not occur on site.
- Tours will run from May 1st to October 30th.

ADDITIONAL PERMISSION REQUESTS:

We would like to get additional permission from the City and Borough of Juneau for the following items:

- To place a small open-air tent in the cul-de-sac at the end of the West Douglas Road Extension to be used for e-bike riders to take a break.
- To allow people to take a short hike into the woods to see the old growth forest and muskeg.
- To add a short section along the road where a small 18" wide trail would allow bikes to ride near the edge of the road.
- For the most part we do not intend to park in the parking area at the beginning of the road or to drive vehicles on the road. However, obtaining a key to the gate would allow for emergency retrieval of a bike that breaks or a person who is injured.

APPLICANT PERMIT HISTORY:

Below is a list of permits that iRide Alaska, LLC has acquired with the City and Borough of Juneau. We have successfully met all permit conditions, including paying fees and taxes on time. We are a member of the Tourism Best Management Practices (TBMP) and are in good standing.

- Rainforest Trail Permit, Parks and Recreation Department, 3 years
- Overstreet Park, Parks and Recreation Department, 3 years
- Eaglecrest Cross-country Ski Trail, Eaglecrest Ski Area, 2 years

It is our intention to do everything possible to reduce conflicts with existing walking, running, dog walking, biking, firewood harvesters, and other users.

Thank you for considering our permit request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact James King at 360-685-3008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James King". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James King