



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Agenda Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, December 06, 2021

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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When: Dec 6, 2021 12:00 PM Alaska
Topic: December 6, 2021 Regular Assembly Meeting

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1. **Call To Order/Roll Call**
2. **Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. November 17, 2021 Special and Regular Meeting Minutes**
4. **Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda**
5. **Public Hearings**
 - A. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2021-18: An Ordinance Updating Various Provisions of Chapter 14.16 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Electric Utility", and Including Electric Rate and Connection Cost Increases**

Any public testimony regarding Ordinance #2021-18 should be given during this public hearing. A copy of Ordinance #2021-18 may be found under agenda item 14A.
 - B. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2021-21: An Emergency Ordinance Continuing a Public Health and Safety Measure (Requirement of Face Coverings in Indoor Public Settings) to Address Current Community COVID-19 Outbreak**

Any public testimony regarding Emergency Ordinance #2021-21 should be given during this public hearing. A copy of Emergency Ordinance #2021-21 may be found under agenda item 15A.

6. Bid Awards

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Persons wishing to share their views on any item on today's agenda may do so at this time.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

Persons with views on subjects not on today's agenda may share those views at this time.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

10. Consent Agenda

A. Kito's Kave Bar and Liquor Store Liquor License Renewal

Kito's Kave Bar & Liquor has applied with the Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office for beverage dispensary and package store liquor license renewals. The Assembly may support or protest the applications. A protest may not be arbitrary, capricious or unreasonable.

B. Loyal Order of Moose #1092 Liquor License Renewal

The Moose Lodge has applied with the Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office for a club liquor license renewal. The Assembly may support or protest the application. A protest may not be arbitrary, capricious or unreasonable.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Petersburg Medical Center Update

PMC CEO Hofstetter will provide an update on the Medical Center.

B. COVID-19 Situation Update

Borough Health Officer Dr. Tuccillo will provide an update on the current COVID-19 situation in Petersburg.

C. New Fire Truck Update

Fire & EMS Director Dixson will provide an update on the purchase of a new fire truck.

D. Baler Update

Public Works Director Cotta will provide an update on the new baler at the landfill.

12. Mayor's Report

A. December 6, 2021 Mayor's Report

13. Manager's Report

A. December 6, 2021 Manager's Report

14. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance #2021-18: An Ordinance Updating Various Provisions of Chapter 14.16 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Electric Utility", and Including Electric Rate and Connection Cost Increases - Second Reading

If adopted, Ordinance #2021-18 will increase electric rates and connection costs to cover the full annual revenue requirements of the Utility and update language to address danger trees, confidentiality of billing and other important matters. Ordinance #20201-18 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

15. New Business

A. Ordinance #2021-21: An Emergency Ordinance Continuing a Public Health and Safety Measure (Requirement of Face Coverings in Indoor Public Settings) to Address Current Community COVID-19 Outbreak - One and Only Reading

If adopted, Emergency Ordinance #2021-21 will continue the safety measures put into place by Emergency Ordinance #2021-19 (that face coverings are to be worn in any building within the Borough that is open to the public) to January 3, 2022 at midnight unless earlier repealed by the Assembly.

B. FY 2023 Capital Projects

Manager Giesbrecht requests the Assembly amend and/or approve Petersburg Borough's Capital Project List (including the order of priority) to provide to the Alaska Legislature for FY 2023.

C. 2022 SEAPA Board Appointments

Mayor Jensen, with approval of the Assembly, will appoint two Petersburg residents (one voting member and one alternate) to represent our Borough on the SEAPA Board of Directors for calendar year 2022. Letters of interest were submitted by our current SEAPA Board Members, Assembly Member Lynn and Utility Director Hagerman.

D. Public Safety Advisory Board Appointment

Mayor Jensen, with approval of the Assembly, will appoint Dan Sullivan to the vacant seat on the Public Safety Advisory Board.

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since November 11, 2021

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Childcare Relief Funding Request

Assembly Member Meucci requests a discussion regarding funding relief requests from Good Beginnings Preschool, Kinder Skog Nature Program, and the Petersburg Children's Center.

B. ARPA Funds Work Session

Assembly Member Meucci requests an Assembly work session be held in January, 2022 to discuss use of the American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the Borough.

C. Request for Home Mail Delivery in Petersburg

Assembly Member Kensinger requests to discuss a draft resolution asking the US Postal Service to offer home mail delivery in Petersburg.

D. Alaska Natives Without Land Legislation

Mayor Jensen requests a discussion regarding the revised legislation introduced into Congress by Senator Murkowski which will provide the Native Villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee and Wrangell with the ability to form urban corporations and gift certain settlement lands to those corporations.

E. Assembly Member Comments

F. Recognitions

18. Adjourn



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Meeting Minutes November 17, 2021 Special Assembly Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

5:45 PM

Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:45.

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Jensen
Vice Mayor Jeigh Stanton Gregor
Assembly Member David Kensinger
Assembly Member Bob Lynn
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci
Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay

EXCUSED

Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as submitted.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.
Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Kensinger,
Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Tremblay

3. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

No views were shared.

4. New Business

A. Resolution #2021-16: A Resolution Authorizing a Sole Source Procurement from Anderson Brothers Electric, LLC

Resolution #2021-16 was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.
Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Kensinger,

Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Tremblay

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.
Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Kensinger,
Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Tremblay



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Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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PRESENT

Assembly Member Bob Lynn
Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay
Assembly Member David Kensinger
Vice Mayor Jeigh Stanton Gregor
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci
Mayor Mark Jensen

EXCUSED

Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes of:

October 19, 2021
November 1, 2021

Special Assembly Meeting Minutes of:

November 5, 2021

The regular meeting minutes of October 9 and November 1, 2021 and the special meeting minutes of November 5, 2021 were unanimously approved.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to add under Assembly Discussion Items a discussion about the local US Post Office. The Assembly unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen

5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

6. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Persons wishing to share their views on any item on today's agenda may do so at this time.

Jim Kerr, Caitlin Entz, Jim Floyd, Michael Truex, Gary Aulbach, Traci McPhearson, Dana Thynes, Nathan Lopez, Michelle Pfundt, Russell Thynes, Brittini Caulum, Stephanie Landen, Sarah Reid, Ramona Brooks, Donna Marsh and Nancy Hoschar shared their views in opposition to Emergency Ordinance #2021-20.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

Persons with views on subjects not on today's agenda may share those views at this time.

Dana Thynes shared her views regarding spike proteins used or associated with vaccinations.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

10. Consent Agenda

There were no Consent Agenda items.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Redistricting Update

Assembly Member Tremblay reported on the new electoral district boundaries chosen by the Alaska Redistricting Board after the 2020 Census.

12. Mayor's Report

A. November 15, 2021 Mayor's Report

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. November 15, 2021 Manager's Report

Manager Giesbrecht read his report into the record, a copy of which is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes.

14. Unfinished Business

15. New Business

A. Ordinance #2021-18: An Ordinance Updating Various Provisions of Chapter 14.16 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Electric Utility", and Including Electric Rate and Connection Cost Increases

Ordinance #2021-18 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen

B. Ordinance #2021-20: An Emergency Ordinance Amending Emergency Ordinance #2021-19, which Implemented a Public Health and Safety Measure Requiring Face Coverings in Indoor Public Settings, to Include (1) a Fine for Noncompliance, (2) Communally Used Areas within its Scope, and (3) a Provision that Requires Businesses and Building Owners to Deny Admittance to any Individual who Fails to Comply with the Ordinance

Emergency Ordinance #2021-20 was amended as follows: to remove all language relating to the responsibility of businesses and building owners and fines associated with the language; to add language to Section 3(B) to clarify that private residences are not included; to add a new Section 6 titled Repeal/Health Officer Recommendations that states the ordinance may be earlier repealed by the Assembly upon a determination that the provisions of the ordinance are no longer necessary, and the Assembly may receive advice from the Borough Health Officer in making this determination; and to remove Section 3(A)(1) in its entirety relating to individual fines.

The ordinance was approved as amended in its one and only reading by a vote of 4-2.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen

C. Motor Pool Shop Fire Damage Repair - Change Order #2

The Assembly unanimously approved Motor Pool Shop Change Order #2.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member

Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen

D. Borough Guidance on Volunteer Projects

The Guidance on Volunteer Projects document was approved unanimously.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since October 28, 2021

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Local US Post Office

Assembly Member Kensinger stated he will prepare a letter to our Congressional Delegation and the Supervisors of our local post office for Assembly consideration at the next meeting regarding the short staffing issue and the erratic hours the counter is open.

B. Assembly Member Comments

Assembly Member Meucci inquired whether Manager Giesbrecht is comfortable with the changes to Emergency Ordinance #2021-20 (which made amendments to Emergency Ordinance #2021-19). Manager Giesbrecht answered in the affirmative and clarified that the Police Department will not be proactively seeking out unmasked individuals but will respond reactively if called by a local business.

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor shared his frustration regarding the letter from multiple businesses that states they will close their doors if the Assembly approved fines for businesses who allow customers to shop in their store without wearing face coverings.

Assembly Member Lynn requested an update on the Fire Truck replacement and a report on the new baler at the next Assembly meeting.

C. Recognitions

Assembly Member Tremblay thanked our local healthcare workers who are working very hard during this COVID-19 outbreak and our Public Health Nurse in particular who is handling both Petersburg's and Wrangell's outbreak simultaneously. She also thanked the community for looking for ways to help each other.

Assembly Member Meucci thanked the business owners and front line workers for keeping our businesses open. He also thanked the School District for the unbelievable job they are doing during this outbreak.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen



THE STATE of ALASKA GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

ALCOHOL & MARIJUANA CONTROL OFFICE 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1600 Anchorage, AK 99501 Main: 907.269.0350

November 30, 2021

Petersburg Borough

Via Email: dthompson@petersburgak.gov; bregula@petersburgak.gov

Re: Notice of 2022/2023 Liquor License Renewal Application

Table with 4 columns: License Type, Licensee, Doing Business As, License Number. License Type: Beverage Dispensary, License Number: 589, Licensee: Kito's Kave, Inc., Doing Business As: Kito's Kave Bar & Liquor.

We have received a completed renewal application for the above listed license (see attached application documents) within your jurisdiction. This is the notice required under AS 04.11.480.

A local governing body may protest the approval of an application(s) pursuant to AS 04.11.480 by furnishing the director and the applicant with a clear and concise written statement of reasons for the protest within 60 days of receipt of this notice, and by allowing the applicant a reasonable opportunity to defend the application before a meeting of the local governing body, as required by 3 AAC 304.145(d). If a protest is filed, the board will deny the application unless the board finds that the protest is arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable.

To protest the application referenced above, please submit your written protest within 60 days, and show proof of service upon the applicant and proof that the applicant has had a reasonable opportunity to defend the application before a meeting of the local governing body.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Glen Klinkhart

Glen Klinkhart, Director amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov



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Re: Notice of 2022/2023 Liquor License Renewal Application

Table with 4 columns: License Type, Licensee, Doing Business As, License Number. License Type: Package Store, License Number: 590, Licensee: Kito's Kave, Inc., Doing Business As: Kito's Kave Bar & Liquor

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November 23, 2021

Petersburg Borough

Via Email: dthompson@petersburgak.gov; daikins@petersburgak.gov

Re: Notice of 2022/2023 Liquor License Renewal Application

License Type:	Club	License Number:	745
Licensee:	Petersburg Lodge No 1092 Loyal Order of Moose		
Doing Business As:	Loyal Order of Moose #1092		

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amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov

**Mayor's Report
For
December 6, 2021 Assembly Meeting**

1. Alaska Natives Without Land Legislation: Senator Murkowski has introduced revised legislation to address the omission of the Southeast Alaska communities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell from eligibility under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The legislation will allow the native villages to form urban corporations and will gift settlement land to these corporations. Mayor Jensen has requested a discussion on this subject (under Assembly Discussion Items) to determine whether the Assembly will provide comment regarding the revised legislation. A copy of the legislation and Petersburg area maps are attached to the Assembly Discussion agenda item.

2. Meeting with Sealaska: Mayor Jensen, Manager Giesbrecht, Community & Economic Director Cabrera and PIA Administrator Welch took part in a meeting with Sealaska board members and staff to discuss Petersburg's priorities and projects that may have partnership opportunities. Mayor Jensen will provide a brief report on the meeting.

3. Seeking Letters of Interest: The Petersburg Borough is accepting letters of interest from citizens who wish to serve the community by filling one of the vacant seats on the following Borough Boards/Commissions until the October, 2022 Municipal Election:

Planning Commission – two vacant seats
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – two vacant seats
Public Safety Advisory Board – one vacant seat

Letters of interest should be submitted to Clerk Thompson at the Borough offices located at 12 S. Nordic Drive; by sending to PO Box 329, Petersburg, AK 99833; or by emailing to dthompson@petersburgak.gov.



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 6 December 2021**

- ❖ As is customary, Public Works is offering a limited amount of traction sand for Borough residents to use on their walks and driveways. Up to 10 buckets of sand per residence may be obtained at no cost from Public Works during regular business hours 8:00-4:30 M-F. Anyone wanting to obtain sand through this program should bring their own shovel and buckets and check in with the front desk before loading any sand.
- ❖ We continue to work with FEMA to facilitate repairs to the failed drainage culvert at the Public Works yard. Design of the project is largely complete, and we plan on bidding the project out this winter, to begin construction in May of next year as per the requirements of the ADF&G permit.
- ❖ The repair work on the motor pool shop is nearing substantial completion. We anticipate performing a “pre-final” inspection this week and generating a punch list for any remaining construction items.
- ❖ Youth Basketball was canceled due to amount of time needed to finish season. We would have extended too far into busy holiday times. Please contact Parks and Rec regarding a refund if you have not done so.
- ❖ Parks and Rec is busy planning their holiday “Winter Wonderland” event on Dec. 18th, 4-6p. Please contact Julie Anderson if you would like to volunteer.
- ❖ Parks and Rec will be hosting another Lifeguard Certification course Jan 7th – 9th. Please contact Scott Burt for more information and to get registered as soon as possible.
- ❖ During the recent PMEA negotiations, the Borough heard employees were uneasy about having to fill out and sign a timesheet prior to the end of a pay period. To solve this issue, the Borough is in the process of changing pay period dates beginning with the first pay period in January. All paydays will remain the same: on or before the 5th and 20th of each month.
- ❖ Jody has applied for the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development for the Local Government Lost Revenue Relief Program. A Resolution of support will be presented to the Assembly at the December 20th meeting. This funding opportunity is available to Alaska local governments and has a deadline for the resolution to be approved by December 31, 2021.
- ❖ Passport services at the library are scheduled to resume Tuesday Dec 7
- ❖ The library is hosting a retrospective exhibit of the ceramic works of Polly Lee. The exhibit can be seen on the library's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7oEB82ua4Lk>
- ❖ The library has received two American Rescue Plan grants from the Alaska State Library, an Easy Grant (\$6000) for janitorial service/collections and a Project Grant (\$39,661) to partner with KFSK and the Petersburg Indigenous Awareness Committee to produce radio podcasts. The program is scheduled to launch early in 2022.

- ❖ Rock N Road finished up the Ira II Street Sewer project by the project deadline. A final inspection of all work has been difficult to arrange due to snowy weather, but a warm rainy window of opportunity this week may be our last chance before spring.
- ❖ Alaska Municipal League is helping to organize a group of its members impacted by the 301H Clean Water Act waiver and wastewater discharge permitting issues. Petersburg will participate in that effort and keep the Assembly informed on progress.
- ❖ PMPL was informed that ADOT is not going to move forward with installation of any streetlights on Papke's Landing Road. Budgetary issues are the sticking point.
- ❖ Karl will be working with McMillen Jacobs to amend their professional services contract to include the next phases of engineering/permitting/equipment manufacture oversight for the Blind Slough Hydro project.
- ❖ All bonds and insurance have been received from Gilkes Hydro to move forward with equipment manufacture for the Blind Slough project. A kickoff meeting will occur early in December to get things started.
- ❖ Kudos to Public Works and the PMPL line crew on their work to find, place and decorate the community Christmas Tree. Thanks again to Matt Bryner for his work on the lights, both at the library and our tree.
- ❖ Due to staffing issues out of our control, Sue Flanary has extended her career by one more month. Her final day will now be December 31. We thank her for being flexible and for supporting her department past her planned retirement date.
- ❖ The battery backup for the 911 system was identified as old and needed to be replaced during the installation of the new 911 system. We believe the battery backup failed last week during the monthly generator test at the firehall. Two new battery backups have been ordered and are in transit to Petersburg. The battery backups were paid for out of the E911 fund.
- ❖ Barb Beasley completed Crime Scene Technology & Evidence Collection training through SIRCHIE. This training will assist the Police Department with crime scene processing, documentation, and prosecution.
- ❖ Petersburg PD's policy and procedures are being updated and reviewed. This also includes the Petersburg Jail policy and procedures.
- ❖ Thank you to harbor users for paying attention to their vessels especially during stormy & rainy weather. Please continue to let the Harbor Office know if you plan on being out of town and provide us with your boat watching contact info.
- ❖ Harbor staff has been meeting with USACE concerning the status of the dredge sampling, the results have been turned over to EPA for their 45-day comment period. Scheduling for bidding out the project is on schedule. With a bid opening in April, bid award in June with project start date of Oct. 1, 2022.
- ❖ Large crane report: upgrade/rebuild is finished! Unit is getting prepped to ship back for install. Hopefully good for another 34 years!

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR JENSEN AND ASSEMBLY MEMBERS
FROM: KARL HAGERMAN, UTILITY DIRECTOR *KH*
SUBJECT: ORDINANCE #2021-18
DATE: 11/30/2021
CC: STEVE GIESBRECHT, BOROUGH MANAGER
DEBRA THOMPSON, BOROUGH CLERK

Thanks to the Assembly for supporting Ordinance #2021-18 in its first reading. I was out of town on a long-planned vacation and unfortunately could not connect to the meeting. However, I would like to offer some background information to the Assembly in regard to the various changes in the ordinance that I hope will clarify any questions that you may have as the ordinance proceeds through the second and third readings.

Primarily, the bulk of the revisions are based on the results of the recent rate study performed by D.Hittle and Associates. As has been openly stated in many public meetings, various impending issues that affect the Electric utility call for rates to be increased to cover revenue requirements. These issues include generally higher costs of doing business, lack of annual rebates from SEAPA, pending increased cost of wholesale power from SEAPA and costs associated with capital improvements, most importantly the Blind Slough Hydro project and Scow Bay Generation project. Customer class service rates are required to increase by 9.5% in January and another 9.5% in July to fully fund the debt service of the large capital projects and satisfy the bond bank that the utility's financial standing is sufficient to qualify for a bond sale. The rate changes in this ordinance mirror the previous table of increases that was shared with the Assembly prior to the fall ballot measure.

Other changes to rates are primarily focused on connection fees. Costs of materials used in new services, such as power poles, PVC conduit, transformers, meters and wire, have risen over the past few years and the utility must take steps to cover more of our expenses when installing a service. There are also changes made to reflect the different costs of overhead versus underground service installation and a clarification on what to charge if a customer is requesting an increase to their service level. It is important to note that even though connection fees are increasing, the full cost of each service installation is not covered by the new fees. The customer is still getting somewhat of a break on a service connection, but we are moving toward the customer paying more as our costs increase.

Permit fees are also increasing due to the amount of time that staff must take to handle each permit. The current permit fees are meant to cover general, administrative and inspection costs of the utility, but they fall short of actual time spent on each permit. Again, while the permit fees have increased, the utility still expends more than the proposed fee to receive, research, process, inspect and complete a permit. The revisions also allow the Utility Director to waive

permit fees for any Borough projects or work. This provision does not allow waiving of connection fees for Borough projects, only electrical permit fees.

Further, some attention was given to trees that may impact the electrical distribution system. A definition of ‘danger tree’ has been provided. Language was also developed to clarify private property owner liability for system damage or outage costs for trees on private property that have been determined by the department to be danger trees. The utility maintains a budget for removal of danger trees that conflict with primary power lines and has successfully removed many danger trees from public and private property in recent years, at no cost to the private owner. The offer of having the Borough remove danger trees to limit private liability and improve resiliency of the distribution system has been accepted by quite a few property owners, but there are some trees that the line crew must trim/prune/top every year to prevent interference and outages. These trees carry liability for the owner and we would like property owners to fully understand that issue going forward, as well as prevent trees that may impact the power lines in the future from being planted too close to overhead infrastructure.

The diesel fuel surcharge and purchased power adjustment language and formula has been reworked. The current formula was based on information from the last rate study and was outdated in regard to the cost of diesel fuel and the efficiency of our generators. The proposed changes will allow for the utility to apply an adjustment to electric billing if the utility runs substantial diesel in support of generation, such as during the annual SEAPA maintenance shutdown. The adjustment would be levied at the Assembly’s discretion, with PMPL requesting its consideration well in advance of the diesel run. If levied, the utility can recoup costs of fuel used for power generation above \$2.40 per gallon. The utility budgets for a 10-day diesel run at that price per gallon, so in essence the majority of the fuel used in a year is already included in the overall revenue of the department and the normal rates to the customer.

What is not factored into the annual budget, or this ordinance provision, are expenses for diesel runs to supplement SEAPA power for extended periods of time, or to supplant SEAPA power past the annual 10-day maintenance shutdown. If the Assembly wishes to cover the costs of any diesel generation outside of the annual maintenance period, direction from the Assembly is needed and additional wording will need to be added to the ordinance. Such a provision could be enacted at the Assembly’s discretion with the goal of covering the utility’s higher cost of diesel generation if SEAPA power were to fail or be insufficient to cover local loads for an extended period of time. Expenses that could be brought into such an adjustment could be fuel, lube oil and staff overtime for operations. I will draft language to this effect for the third reading if direction is given from the Assembly.

The remainder of the changes in the ordinance are mostly housekeeping. I’ll be happy to answer any questions at the December 6th Assembly meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH
ORDINANCE #2021-18**

**AN ORDINANCE UPDATING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 14.16 OF THE
MUNICIPAL CODE, ENTITLED “ELECTRIC UTILITY”, AND INCLUDING ELECTRIC RATE
AND CONNECTION COST INCREASES**

WHEREAS, the Borough Assembly and Petersburg voters recently approved the issuance of Electric Utility Revenue Bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$7.8 million to finance the Blind Slough Hydroelectric Refurbishment Project and the Scow Bay Standby Generation Project (both capital projects are of high importance to sustain and deliver affordable power to the community); and

WHEREAS, Petersburg’s electric rates have not been updated since the fall of 2015 and the Utility contracted with D. Hittle & Associates to perform a rate study; and

WHEREAS, the electric rate study identified key matters relating to the Utility which include an increase of 0.5% per year in forecasted energy sales, an increase in the cost of SEAPA power purchased by the Borough, the end of annual rebates from SEAPA, some imbalance in cost of service, and funding for capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the electric rate study proposes electric rate increases in 2022 to recover the full annual revenue requirements of the Utility; and

WHEREAS, other updates are also needed to the Electric Utility code to address danger trees, confidentiality of billing, and other important matters.

THEREFORE, THE PETERSBURG BOROUGH ORDAINS, Chapter 14.16 of the Petersburg Municipal Code, entitled Electric Utility, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Classification: This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall be codified in the Petersburg Municipal Code.

Section 2. Purpose: The purpose of this ordinance is to update the language of Chapter 14.16 to include electric rate and connection cost increases and to address danger trees, confidentiality of billing, and other important matters.

Section 3. Substantive Provisions: The following provisions of Chapter 14.16 of the Petersburg Borough Municipal Code are hereby amended as set out below (the proposed new language is in red and underlined and the language proposed for deletion is struck through):

Chapter 14.16 ELECTRIC UTILITY¹

14.16.010 National Electrical Code adopted by reference.

- A. The ~~2014-2017~~ Edition (NFPA 70-201~~74~~) of the National Electric Code (NEC) and the ~~2017~~2017 Edition of the National Electric Safety Code (NESC) are adopted and made a part

of this chapter as if fully set out. Copies shall be maintained and available for public inspection in the utility director's office.

14.16.020 Definitions.

“Danger Tree” means a tree that poses an imminent risk to the utility’s power lines. Examples include, but are not limited to, a tree that has grown above the power lines and its trunk is within 15 feet of an energized line; a tree that has grown above the lines and has branches hanging over energized lines; or a tree that has been weakened by a storm and poses a threat to the electrical distribution system.

14.16.040 Liability for damage to municipal electric system or equipment.

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the customer to take all reasonable and proper precautions to prevent damage to the municipal electric utility property on the customer's premises. This shall include meters, instruments, transformers, services, connections, harbor pedestals and any other equipment installed by and remaining the property of the municipal electric utility. In the event the municipal electric utility's property is damaged due to a customer's negligent or intentional acts or omissions, the customer shall be liable and the municipal electric utility may collect from the customer the cost of repairs or replacements. This shall also apply to damage or outage response costs caused by impacts from a tree on the customer’s property that has been identified by the utility, and documented with the owner, as a danger tree.
- B. A customer will not permit any person, except authorized employees of the municipal electric utility, to make any connection to the service drops serving the property or to any unmetered portion of the service.

14.16.260 Extensions to facilitate service on existing distribution lines.

The municipal electric utility will furnish a service up to 100 feet into private property to a customer's service point of delivery of 120/240 single-phase power per the connection fee schedule. Underground service of up to 100 feet may be provided per the connection fee schedule, with the exception that trenching, backfill, bedding and compaction will be at the customer’s expense. All additional extension and voltage differences will be furnished at the customer's expense.

14.16.550 Individual underground electrical service.

- A. The municipal electric utility will supply overhead electric services. If, however, a customer desires underground service, they shall be responsible for providing the ditch/trench dug to hardpan soils, shot rock backfill - compacted to accept bedding, compacted bedding for above and below the conduit - and all trench backfill to finish grade. The municipal electric utility will specify the depth of bury for an underground service and provide and install the conduit and service conductors.
- B. The delivery point for all underground services will be at the meter location.
- C. The utility will own and maintain the underground distribution system up to the meter location.

D. In no case will an underground service be installed under any structure.

14.16.630 Radio-interference suppression—Responsibility for line clearing.

Any part of any tree, shrub or bush, whether dead or alive, which makes steady or intermittent contact with any power lines within the electric utility service area, shall be trimmed, and remain trimmed to prevent contact with any power line. The electrical inspector has authority to eliminate and prevent this type of interference. After reasonable notice has been given, the electrical crews shall have the right to enter any property and trim, or ~~remove, de-root~~ any tree, down to the stump, shrub or bush that may cause interference. No tree that can be expected to grow to a height taller than a nearby overhead power line may be planted or allowed to grow from a seedling, on private property within 15' of the overhead power line.

14.16.660 Billing.

- A. Electric billing is to be by meter, unless there is a written contract at a flat rate.
- B. Meters will be read and accounts billed on the basis of the meter reading which is in kilowatt-hours. Accounts shall be billed for a flat monthly customer charge; an energy charge; and a fuel and purchased power adjustment both based on metered use. In addition, large commercial accounts shall be billed on the basis of power factor and demand.
- C. Meters shall be read and bills shall be issued monthly. Opening or final bills, or bills that for any other reason cover a period containing ten percent more days or ten percent less days than in the normal billing period, shall be prorated.
- D. The borough will keep an accurate account of all readings of meters which shall be considered prima facie evidence of the use of electric service by a customer.
- E. Information relating to the amount of electricity purchased or amounts due from any customer shall be held confidential and shall be kept from public inspection except when the customer has failed to comply with the provisions of this chapter. Nothing contained in this paragraph, however, shall be construed to prohibit the publication of such information when necessary for the Borough to collect delinquent billings or in response to a court or administrative order.

14.16.670 Rates—Residential service.

- A. *Applicability.* The rates in this section apply to domestic usage in private residences and apartments, measured through a single meter; provided, that single-phase motors shall not exceed seven and one-half horsepower.
- B. *Character of service.* Residential service will be 60-hertz, alternating current. The utility reserves the right to specify the voltage and phase of service supplied under this schedule.
- C. *Monthly Rate.*

		Effective <u>9/2014</u> 1/2022 Billing	Effective <u>9/2015</u> 7/2022 Billing
Customer charge:		\$ <u>9</u> 10.00	\$ <u>9</u> 11.00
Energy charge:	0—500 KWH=	<u>11.8</u> <u>12.25</u> cents/kwh	<u>11.9</u> <u>12.6</u> cents/kwh

	over 500 KWH=	7.89.45 cents/kwh	8.110.8 cents/kwh
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D. *Fuel and purchased power adjustment charge:* Subject to section 14.16.720.

14.16.680 Rates—General service class.

- A. *Applicability.* The rates in this section may apply to all requirements for lighting, heating and power measured through a single meter that is below 50 kilovolt-ampere transformer rating or 50 kilowatt demand.
- B. *Character of service.* General service will be 60-hertz, alternating current. The utility reserves the right to specify the voltage and phase of service supplied under this schedule.
- C. *Monthly rate.*

		Effective 9/20141/2022 Billing	Effective 9/20157/2022 Billing
Customer charge:		\$9.00 <u>10.50</u>	\$9.00 <u>12.00</u>
Energy charge:	0—3,000 KWH=	11.11.650 cents/kwh	11.0.12.3 cents/kwh
	over 3,000 KWH=	8.310.2 cents/kwh	8.811.6 cents/kwh

14.16.690 Rates—Large commercial service.

- A. *Applicability.* The rates in this section apply to lighting, heating and power service for commercial or industrial service having measured demands equal to or greater than 50 kilovolt-ampere transformer rating or 50 kilowatt demand.
- B. *Character of service.* Large-commercial service will be 60-hertz, alternating current. The utility reserves the right to specify the voltage or phase of service supplied under this schedule.
- C. *Monthly rate.*

		Effective 9/20141/2022 Billing	Effective 9/20157/2022 Billing
Customer charge:		\$2831.00	\$2834.00
Demand charge:		\$3.103.40 per KW of billing demand	\$3.103.70 per KW of billing demand
Energy charge:	0—15,000 KWH=	10.611.45 cents/kwh	10.612.3 cents/kwh
	15,001—60,000 KWH=	11.011.85 cents/kwh	11.4.12.6 cents/kwh
	over 60,000 KWH =	8.59.6 cents/kwh	8.810.4 cents/kwh

- D. *Fuel and purchased power adjustment charge:* Subject to section 14.16.720.
- E. *Minimum charge:* The minimum demand charge shall not be less than 75 percent of the highest demand billed during the preceding 11 months, or in any case not less than ~~\$155.00~~ 170.00 after January 2, 2022; and \$185.00 after July 1, 2022.
- F. *Billing demand.* The billing demand shall be the maximum 15-minute measured demand during the billing period, adjusted for power factor.

- G. *Adjustment of demand for power factor.* Demands will be adjusted to correct for average power factors lower than 90 percent. Such adjustments will be made by increasing the measured demand one percent for each one percent or portion thereof by which the average power factor is less than 90 percent lagging.
- H. *Agreement of service.* The borough may require an agreement to be entered into for service under this schedule.

14.16.700 Rates—Boat harbor service.

- A. *Applicability.* The rates in this section apply to usage in moored private boats, measured through a single meter, at the boat harbors; provided, that single-phase motors shall not exceed seven and one-half horsepower.
- B. *Character of service.* Boat harbor service will be 60-hertz, alternating current. The utility reserves the right to specify the voltage and phase of service supplied under this schedule.
- C. *Monthly rate.*

		Effective 9/20141/2022 Billing	Effective 9/2015 7/2022 Billing
Customer charge:		\$9.0010.50	\$9.0012.00
Energy charge:	0—500 KWH=	11.412.3 cents/kwh	11.812.8 cents/kwh
	over 500 KWH=	9.311.0 cents/kwh	9.612.4 cents/kwh

- D. *Fuel and purchased power adjustment charge:* Subject to section 14.16.720.

14.16.710 Rates—Municipal street-lighting service.

- A. *Installation policy.*
 1. Street lights may be provided at each intersection of municipal streets as budgetary constraints allow and within a schedule to be determined by the utility director or the director's representative.
 2. The policy used for the installation of street lights at locations other than intersections shall be based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:
 - a. Public safety;
 - b. Emergency vehicle access;
 - c. Public building security.
 3. Requests for installation of lighting fixtures on public property which do not meet the above criteria shall be subject to approval or denial from the borough assembly, through presentation by the utility director.
- B. *Character of service.* Street lighting service will be 60-hertz, alternating current. The utility reserves the right to specify the voltage and phase of service supplied under this schedule.
- C. *Rates.* The minimum rate per lighting fixture will be \$910.00 per 100 watts. For lighting fixtures exceeding 100 watts, the additional wattage over 100 watts will be charged according to the power-general service rate schedule in effect.

14.16.715 Rates—Security lighting service.

- A. *Installation policy.* Residential or commercial customers may choose 70-watt, 100 watt, 200-watt or 400-watt high pressure sodium (H.P.S.) lamps, or LED wattage equivalent fixtures, for security lighting purposes. The municipal electric utility shall install and maintain the fixtures on existing poles.
- B. *Character of service.* Security lighting shall be served from an existing source of 60-hertz, alternating current. The utility reserves the right to specify the voltage of service supplied under this schedule.
- C. *Rates.* Monthly rates for the fixtures shall be:

Wattage	Rate per lamp
<u>20 - 30 watt LED</u>	<u>\$8.50</u>
<u>31-50 watt LED</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>51-70 watt LED</u>	<u>\$12.50</u>
<u>100-150 watt LED</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
70 watt HPS	\$8.50
<u>100 watt HPS</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
200 watt HPS	\$11.25 <u>\$15.00</u>
400 watt HPS	\$19.00 <u>\$20.00</u>

- D. *Special provisions.* Where suitable poles and/or existing services do not exist, the customer may be required to participate in or bear the cost of installation of poles and conductors. Such installations are at the sole discretion of the utility director.

14.16.716 Economic development power rate.

- A. The purpose of this rate schedule is to encourage economic development by encouraging capital investments, adding jobs, improving the efficient utilization of existing municipal power and light facilities and diversifying customer base.
- B. Applicant eligibility requirements are as follows:
1. New commercial or industrial customers at one location having peak demand equal to, or greater than, 50 kilowatts. A new customer's electric service represents demand not previously serviced by the electric utility at any location.
 2. Existing commercial or industrial customers who increase their peak demand at one location by no less than 50 kilowatts. The rate shall apply only to the expanded demand and shall be measurable by installation of a separate electric meter or other device approved by the utility director.
 3. The applicant is required to be located where there is no significant additional investment in utility facilities by the borough, or pay for the line extension and/or transformer costs under terms of the existing code.
 4. A customer has 12 months from the month service is energized or new load is added to demonstrate eligibility under provisions 1. or 2. of this section.
 5. All written requests for service under this section will be considered by the borough assembly, after review and recommendation by the utility director; however, requests

which do not conform to purpose and applicability provisions as determined by the director, shall not be approved.

C. *Character of service.* Service will be 60-hertz, alternating current. The borough reserves the right to specify the voltage or phase of service supplied under this schedule.

D. *Monthly rate.*

		Billing Period
Customer charge:		\$25.00
Demand charge:		-0-
Energy charge:	All KWH	8.09.5-cents/KWH

E. *Term of rate.*

1. The term of this rate shall not exceed a period of three years from the month service is energized or new load is added for which the rate is being sought.
2. Continuation of service beyond the three year limit will be at the appropriate standard rate.
3. This rate will not go into effect until applicant is approved by the borough assembly, and no refund or consideration for past power consumption will be considered.

F. *Special provisions.* This rate may be curtailed by the borough assembly upon 30 days' notice in the event that sufficient hydro power is no longer available. Should this occur, the customer would have the option of switching to the appropriate standard rate schedule or having the service discontinued.

G. *Agreement of service.* The borough assembly may require an agreement to be entered into for service under this schedule.

14.16.717 Rates—Municipal buildings.

A. *Applicability.* The rates of this section apply only to the following municipal buildings, of the Petersburg Borough who receive a large commercial rate: 1) the Aquatic Center Boiler Room, 2) the Aquatic Center, 3) the High School/Middle School/High School Gym, and 4) the Elementary School.

B. *Character of service.* The service voltage shall be three-phase, 60-hertz. The utility reserves the right to specify the voltage supplied under this service.

C. *Monthly rate.* The energy charge ~~shall be 8.0 cents/kwh and monthly customer charges shall be as set out in the table below.~~ There are no demand or power factor penalty charges. In addition to the energy charge ~~and~~, ~~there is a~~ monthly customer charge, ~~of \$25.00 and~~ the fuel and purchased power adjustment charge described in section 14.15.720 will apply.

		<u>Effective 1/2022 Billing Period</u>	<u>Effective 7/2022 Billing Period</u>
<u>Customer charge:</u>		<u>\$27.50</u>	<u>30.00</u>
<u>Demand charge:</u>		<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<u>Energy charge:</u>	<u>All KWH</u>	<u>9.3 cents/KWH</u>	<u>10.8 cents/KWH</u>

- D. *Special provisions.* During the annual budget process, ~~the entities utilizing the municipal rate~~ the electric utility shall report to the assembly the dollar amount ~~saved~~ difference between receiving the municipal rate instead of the large commercial rate ~~and how the savings was used during the previous fiscal year operations.~~

14.16.720 Rates—Fuel and purchased power adjustment charge.

- A. *Applicability.* An ~~up or down~~ adjustment shall be applied to each kilowatt-hour billed under all schedules to reflect increases/~~decreases~~ in purchased wholesale power above ~~or below a rate of 7.3 cents/kwh for the SEAPA wholesale power cost, presently 6.8 cents/kwh, and~~ At the Assembly's discretion, an adjustment may be applied to each kilowatt-hour billed under all schedules for diesel fuel purchased, for purposes of generation, above a cost of or below one hundred fiftytwo hundred forty cents/gallon. The adjustments will be based on the previous month's usage.
- B. *Method of calculation.* The adjustment A (in cents/kilowatt-hour applied to prior month's usage) shall be calculated as follows:

$$A = (\text{Fuel adjustment formula}) + (\text{Purchased Power adjustment formula})$$

$$A = ((F - \del{150}240) / \del{12.5}13.5 \times D/G) + ((L + \del{MS}6.87.3) \times PT/G)$$

Where:

F = Cost in cents/gallon of most recent purchase of diesel fuel.

D = Kilowatt-hours generated during prior month by diesel plant.

G = Total generation during prior month, including purchased power, in kilowatt-hours.

~~L = Loan debt service component of Tye wholesale power, in cents/kilowatt-hour. S = SEAPA wholesale power rate, in cents/kilowatt-hour.~~

~~M = Operation and maintenance component of Tye wholesale power, in cents/kilowatt-hour.~~

~~TP = Energy purchased from Tye SEAPA during month prior to billing period, in kilowatt-hours.~~

G = Total generation during prior month (Blind Slough Hydro + Diesel Plant + Tye), in kilowatt-hours.

14.16.730 Service charges.

- A. *Connect/reconnect fee:* \$25.00 during normal business hours for each premises served. Actual labor costs, plus 15 percent after business hours.
- B. *Transfer fee:* \$25.00. The transfer fee covers the cost of name change and meter reading at two service locations and is billed to the new account.
- C. *Shut-off due to unauthorized turn-on, fraud or abuse:* Actual costs to the borough, plus 15 percent.
- D. *Meter testing fee:* ~~\$50~~75.00 (if test initiated by customer). See section 14.16.290 B.
- E. *New service fees:* Fees are per single point of attachment (one meter) and customers will be charged the actual cost for any additional meters.

1. Residential connection (overhead or underground):
 - 100 amp service: overhead \$350.00; underground \$650.00.
 - 150 amp service: overhead \$400.00; underground \$700.00.
 - 200 amp service: overhead \$450.00; underground \$750.00.
 - 400 amp service (Class 320): overhead \$550.00; underground \$850.00.

2. Residential temporary connection fee: \$100.00.
3. Commercial connection (overhead or underground—single phase):
 - 100 amp service: ~~\$450.00~~ overhead \$650.00, underground \$850.00, plus transformer costs;
 - 150 amp service: ~~\$500.00~~ overhead \$700.00, underground \$900.00, plus transformer costs;
 - 200 amp service: ~~\$550.00~~ overhead \$850.00, underground \$1,050.00, plus transformer costs.
 - Above 200 amp service: ~~\$600.00~~ overhead \$900.00, underground \$1,100.00, plus \$10.00 per KVA requirement, plus transformer costs.
4. Commercial connections (overhead—three phase):
 - 100 amp service: ~~\$550.00~~ 950.00, plus transformer costs;
 - 150 amp service: ~~\$650.00~~ 1,050.00, plus transformer costs;
 - 200 amp service and larger: ~~\$800.00~~ 1,200.00, plus \$10.00 per KVA requirement, plus transformer costs.
5. Commercial connection (underground—three phase):
 - 100 amp service: ~~\$600.00~~ 1,000.00, plus transformer costs;
 - 150 amp service: ~~\$700.00~~ 1,200.00, plus transformer costs;
 - 200 amp service: ~~\$800.00~~ 1,300.00, plus transformer costs.
 - Above 200 amp service: ~~\$800.00~~ 1,300.00, plus \$10.00 per KVA requirement, plus transformer costs.

Owner must provide trenching, backfilling, concrete or fiberglass pad, and PVC one inch rigid conduit, as specified by the utility, from secondary spades to metering enclosure.
6. Commercial temporary connection:
 - Single phase: \$100.00;
 - Three phase: \$450.00.
7. Service upgrade fee. Customers who request to upgrade service shall pay the difference between their current service connection fee and the requested service connection fee.

F. *Permit fees:*

1. Residential up to six sockets or outlets: heat pump installations: \$~~250~~50.00;

- 2. Residential over six sockets or outlets: \$5075.00;
- 3. Temporary meter setting and other miscellaneous works: \$2550.00;
- 4. Commercial buildings: \$5075.00, plus twenty-five cents per socket or outlet;
- 5. The above fees include two inspections: one rough and one final inspection;
- 6. For each additional inspection: \$50.00;
- 7. For inspection of any electrical equipment for which no fee is specifically prescribed: \$50.00;
- 8. Upon failure to make application and secure permit by the second workday after commencing work: add \$50.00 to permit fee. Permits will be issued by the electrical inspector within 48-72 hours from time of application, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded.

9. Permit fees for Borough-owned projects or work may be waived by the utility director.

- G. *Secondary service work:* If secondary service work is required, the customer will be charged actual costs. Customers requesting such service outside of normal working hours shall pay actual labor costs, plus fifteen percent.
- H. Electric rates and fees shall be reviewed periodically by the electric utility and a recommendation made to the borough manager for the increase or decrease of rates as needed for the sound financial management of the electric utility. The borough manager shall review the findings and present the recommendations to the borough assembly.

Section 5. Severability: If any provision of this ordinance or any application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 6. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage.

Passed and approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly, Petersburg, Alaska this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk

Adopted:
 Noticed:
 Effective:

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH
ORDINANCE #2021-21**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CONTINUING A PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
MEASURE (REQUIREMENT OF FACE COVERINGS IN INDOOR PUBLIC
SETTINGS) TO ADDRESS CURRENT COMMUNITY COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

WHEREAS, the community of Petersburg is continuing to experience a significant community spread COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2021, the Borough Assembly unanimously approved Emergency Ordinance #2021-19 requiring face coverings to be worn indoors in any building within the Borough that is open to the public; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Ordinance #2021-19 expires December 6, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, while the Petersburg Medical Center (PMC) reports COVID-19 cases rapidly decreasing, in the past 4 weeks there were over 230 Petersburg residents who tested positive for COVID-19, 30 monoclonal antibody treatments provided, and over 10 inpatient admissions due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, PMC continues to be in **RED** status and has required the addition of emergency FEMA nurses and state GSA personnel to assist with PMC's staffing shortages. PMC required emergency assistance from other agencies (Bartlett and SEARHC) for PCR test supplies and from the State of Alaska for rapid home kit antigen tests to assist in testing the Petersburg community quickly to identify COVID-19 cases; and

WHEREAS, with the increased COVID-19 hospitalizations in the past 2 weeks and incidences of long recovery time for individuals, particularly those unvaccinated, PMC continues to use high staffing and supply resources to manage post outbreak difficulties that require a higher level of care; and

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Schools continue to experience significant impacts due to the current outbreak in the community, with numerous students and staff members absent due to either testing positive or being identified as close contacts; and

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Schools have implemented multiple mitigation measures to keep staff and students safe and keep the schools open, however reduced mitigation efforts in the community at large negatively impact those measures; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its public health recommendations to address the highly transmissible Delta variant of the virus and the new Omicron variant recently identified in the United States, and that guidance includes a recommendation that all people, including fully vaccinated people, wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds that a health crisis currently exists in the community due to the continuation of community transmission of COVID-19 and the limited medical resources existing within the community to address the outbreak, including limited space and staffing to

address potential hospitalizations and the inability to medivac patients outside of the community to receive needed care; and

WHEREAS, Borough Charter Section 3.03 provides for emergency ordinances which in the judgement of the assembly are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, and such ordinances may be adopted at the meeting at which it is introduced. An Emergency Ordinance is repealed by resolution or automatically expires in sixty days; and

WHEREAS, under the described circumstances, the Assembly finds that the provisions of this ordinance are required for the immediate preservation of public health and safety.

THEREFORE, THE PETERSBURG BOROUGH ORDAINS as follows:

Section 1. Classification: This Emergency Ordinance is of a non-permanent nature and shall not be codified in the Petersburg Borough Code.

Section 2. Purpose: The purpose of this Emergency Ordinance is to require masks or face coverings in public indoor settings within the Borough, with the exceptions provided under Section 3.

Section 3. Substantive Provisions:

Except as provided herein, all persons must wear masks or face coverings over their nose and mouth when they are indoors in any building within the Borough (1) that is open to the public or (2) within a communal space shared with other individuals not from one's household.

The requirements of this ordinance do not apply to:

1. Children under the age of three (3) years.
2. Any person with chronic pulmonary, breathing and/or medical conditions who cannot tolerate a mask or face covering due to those conditions, or any person who is communicating with someone who is deaf or hard of hearing, such that wearing a mask or face covering is not feasible. Such persons are encouraged to wear a face shield if available;
3. Any person who is incarcerated, in police custody, or inside a courtroom. Such persons are directed to follow the orders specific to their location.
4. Any person who temporarily removes their mask or face covering to eat or drink;
5. The premises of either the Petersburg School District (PSD) or the Petersburg Medical Center (PMC). Persons are directed to follow COVID-19 rules and directives issued by either PSD or PMC when on premises;
6. The offices of health care professionals when removal of a mask or face covering is necessary to the performance of testing or procedures;
7. Any person performing an activity that cannot be conducted or safely conducted while wearing a mask or face covering;
8. Any employee within their own fully enclosed office or workspace or within an unenclosed workspace if they are totally alone; and
9. Daycare facilities, which are directed to follow the guidance of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Businesses are permitted to institute more restrictive measures than set out herein for their individual premises, provided that such measures are consistent with applicable law.

"Mask or face covering" means a medical grade mask or a cloth, paper or other face covering that covers the nose and the mouth, and rests snugly above the nose, below the mouth and on the sides of the face, and is of such material so as to not have openings, holes, visible gaps or vents that would allow droplets to be released.

"Communal space" means any area in a building where members of more than one household can commingle, including without limitation areas used for (1) exercise or fitness, (2) community events, whether ticketed or otherwise, (3) meetings, events or other usage by private social clubs, societies, lodges, associations or nonprofit groups, and (4) including entrance lobbies, hallways, and stairwells for such areas. This shall not be deemed to include areas within private residences.

Section 4. Enforcement: The Borough reserves the right to use all available enforcement options to assure compliance with this emergency ordinance. Violation of this ordinance does not create grounds for residents to harass individuals who do not comply with it.

Section 5. Recommendations: The Assembly recommends and encourages all residents to take additional measures to protect your family, friends and neighbors from the spread of COVID-19 within the community, including getting vaccinated, maintaining physical distance, avoiding crowds, staying home when feeling sick, frequent hand washing and regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces.

Section 6. Severability: If any provision of this ordinance or any application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application of other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 7. Effective Date and Term: This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption and be in effect until January 3, 2022, at 11:59 p.m., unless sooner repealed by the Assembly due to cessation of the current outbreak.

Section 8. Repeal/Health Officer Recommendations: This ordinance may be earlier repealed at a regular or special meeting of the Assembly upon a determination by the Assembly that the provisions of the ordinance are no longer necessary to address the health and safety of the public. The Assembly may receive the advice and recommendations of the Borough Health Officer in making this determination.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Petersburg Borough Assembly this 6th day of December, 2021.

ATTEST:

Mark Jensen, Mayor

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk

Adopted:
Published:
Effective:

**Petersburg Borough
Additional Capital Project Requests**

Project Title	Est. Project Cost	Funding Potentially Secured	Funding shortfall	Capsis Y/N
Harbor Department (in priority order)				
South Harbor Maintenance Dredge	12,000,000	5,700,000	\$ 4,600,000	N
North Harbor - sheet pile and parking	\$ 2,530,000	\$ -	\$ 2,530,000	Y
Scow Bay Boat Harbor	\$ 62,000,000	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 32,000,000	N
Harbor Maintenance Shop upgrade (if the Petro building is not aquired)	\$ 700,000		\$ 700,000	Y
South Harbor Utility Float Reconstruction	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	Y
Harbor Office/Shower/Restroom facility redesign and reconstruction	\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000	Y
South Harbor Ramp Replacement	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,800,000	Y
Purchase of private land adjacent to Harbor	\$ 900,000		\$ 900,000	Y
Increase South Harbor Launch Ramp Capacity & Parking	\$ 1,580,000	\$ -	\$ 1,580,000	Y
Berthing Dolphin at Petro Dock	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	Y
Parks and Recreation Department (in priority order)				
Aquatic Center Refurbishment - \$3M (painting, mechanical, control systems, etc)	\$ 3,000,000	120,000	2,880,000	
Eagles Roost Stair Replacement (or ADA option would be about \$500K)	\$ 45,000		\$ 45,000	Y
Playground equipment for IRA II	\$ 60,000		\$ 60,000	Y
Lighting for Ballpark and Ice Rink	\$ 125,000		\$ 125,000	Y
Expansion of Weight Room Facility	\$ 150,000		\$ 150,000	Y
Climate Controlled storage building near the Community Center	\$ 150,000		\$ 150,000	Y
Story Poles for Sandy Beach Park	\$ 160,000		\$ 160,000	Y
Trail Kiosks with trail guides and local interest information	\$ 40,000		\$ 40,000	Y
Historical and Education signs along trails and at parks	\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000	Y
Entrance driveway to second Sandy Beach Shelter	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000	Y
Public Address System for Community Center	\$ 35,000		\$ 35,000	Y
Mathisen Fishing Pier	\$ 1,350,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 1,200,000	Y
Public Works Department (in priority order)				
Fram Street infrastructure repairs	\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000	Y
Frederick Road resurfacing	\$ 225,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 180,000	N
Rasmus Enge Bridge Replacement	\$ 2,500,000		\$ 2,500,000	N
Paving Dump Hill	\$ 201,000		\$ 201,000	N
Petersburg School District (in priority order)				
Mitkof Middle School/PHS Auditorium Foundation Repair	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	Y
Stedman Elementary Plumbing System Replacement	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ 750,000	Y
Middle School/High School Digital HVAC Controls	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000	Y
Districtwide ADA Renovations	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	Y
Middle School/High School Electrical Upgrades	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	Y
Water Department (in priority order)				
Storage Tank Piping Improvements	40,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 15,000	N
Fram Street - Transite Water Main Replacement	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	N
Rasmus Enge Bridge Water Main Replacement	\$ 325,000		\$ 325,000	N
Clear Well Replacement (Water)	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 1,000,000	N
Hammer Slough Water Main Replacement	\$ 300,000		\$ 300,000	N
Sandy Beach Road Water Main Replacement	\$ 3,150,000		\$ 3,150,000	N
Lake Street Water Main	\$ 450,000		\$ 450,000	N

Wastewater Department (in priority order)				
Pump station 4 Upgrade and Force Main Replacement	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 330,000	\$ 770,000	N
Wastewater SCADA system	\$ 542,500	\$ 42,500	\$ 500,000	N
Pump station 3 Upgrade	\$ 650,000		\$ 650,000	N
Lake Street Sewer Main	\$ 300,000		\$ 300,000	N
Skylark Pump station Rehabilitation	\$ 550,000		\$ 550,000	N
Rasmus Enge Bridge Sewer Main project	\$ 250,000		\$ 250,000	N
Power and Light Department (in priority order)				
Blind Slough Hydro Rehabilitation	\$ 7,227,635	\$ 727,635	\$ 6,500,000	N
Scow Bay Generator 2	\$ 1,450,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,400,000	N
AMI Infrastructure Project	\$ 360,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 340,000	N
24.9 Rebuild - Airport 2400 Conversion (in-house)	\$ 162,000	\$ -	\$ 162,000	N
Downtown Streetlights (in-house)	\$ 220,000	\$ 195,000	\$ 25,000	N
Storage Yard Relocation - Storage Sheds (2)	\$ 125,000	\$ 118,316	\$ 6,684	N
EMD 16 Overhaul	\$ 250,000		\$ 250,000	N
Petersburg Medical Center (in priority order)				
Emergency Room Doors	\$ 40,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 15,000	Y
Public Safety and Support (not in priority order)				
Petersburg Mental Health- ADA Renovations/Totem Arms	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 1,000,000	Y
Shooting Range Structure Rehabilitation	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	Y
Shooting Range Trap & Skeet Equipment Upgrades	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	Y
Shooting Range Boardwalk Improvements	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000	Y
Sanitation (in priority order)				
Fire Sprinkler System Replacment - Baler	\$ 75,000		\$ 75,000	N
Recycling drop off Center	\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000	N
Enviro rack Car Disposal System	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000	N
Waste Oil Storage System Upgrades	\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000	N
Landfill Fencing repairs/replacement	\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000	N
Storage Quonset Hut Replacement	\$ 150,000		\$ 150,000	N
Baler Roof Replacement	\$ 200,000		\$ 200,000	N
Sanitation Security Upgrades (camera and gate)	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000	N
Other				
Remote docks and floats for Borough and regional transportation needs (includes Papke's, Kupreanof, Banana Point facilities)				
Papke's (parking lot, dock, floats and ramp) Estimate.	\$ 4,200,000			
Banana Point (parking lot, breakwater, float system, ramp) No estimate				
Kupreanof Dock (City of Kupreanof handling this)				

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October 29, 2021

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Re: SEAPA Board Member Selections for Calendar Year 2022

Dear Member Communities and Utilities:

Pursuant to the Bylaws of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency ("SEAPA") and the Third Joint Action Agency Agreement (the "JAA"), the 2021 term for each of the SEAPA board members from each of its Member Utilities ends on December 31, 2021.

Section 1.2 of the Bylaws for SEAPA establishes that each Project (Swan and Tyee) has two (2) members from the Member Utilities providing representation to SEAPA's Board of Directors. In the case of Swan Lake, Ketchikan has two members. In the case of Tyee Lake, the Interconnected Utilities of Petersburg and Wrangell each have one (1) board member. A fifth board member rotates between each Project.

The following schedule has taken place since the Agency restructured for the fifth board member rotation:

Year	Rotation Process	Community to Appoint Fifth Board Member
2009	1 st year of Restructured Agency: Ketchikan held 5 th board seat (determined through random selection process agreed to by Member Utilities).	Ketchikan
2010	2 nd year appointment of fifth board member	Wrangell
2011	3 rd " " " " " "	Ketchikan
2012	4 th " " " " " "	Petersburg
2013	5 th " " " " " "	Ketchikan
2014	6 th " " " " " "	Wrangell
2015	7 th " " " " " "	Ketchikan
2016	8 th " " " " " "	Petersburg
2017	9 th " " " " " "	Ketchikan
2018	10 th " " " " " "	Wrangell
2019	11 th " " " " " "	Ketchikan
2020	12 th " " " " " "	Petersburg
2021	13 th " " " " " "	Ketchikan
2022	14 th " " " " " "	Wrangell

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Member Communities and Utilities of Wrangell, Petersburg and Ketchikan
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Continuing the rotation cycle noted above, it is Wrangell's turn to appoint a member to serve as the fifth board member for calendar year 2022. The vacant seats for the 2022 term of the Board of Directors for SEAPA are to be appointed as follows:

<u>Wrangell</u>	<u>2 voting members</u>	<u>2 alternates</u>
<u>Petersburg</u>	<u>1 voting member</u>	<u>1 alternate</u>
<u>Ketchikan</u>	<u>2 voting members</u>	<u>2 alternates</u>

We ask that if possible, you please notify the undersigned, in writing, of the individuals you have appointed to the SEAPA board of directors for calendar year 2022 by December 1, 2021, so we can contact the new members prior to the first of the year to try and determine a first quarter meeting date that works with everyone's schedule.

Please contact Sharon Thompson at 907.228.2015 or email to sthompson@seapahydro.org if you have any questions. We look forward to another productive year!

Sincerely,



Trey Acteson, CEO
Southeast Alaska Power Agency
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cc: Joel Paisner, Ascent Law Partners, LLP, Counsel to SEAPA

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October 27, 2021

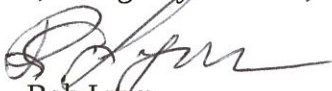
Ms. Debra Thompson, Borough Clerk
Petersburg Borough
P.O. Box 329
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To: Petersburg Borough Mayor and Assembly

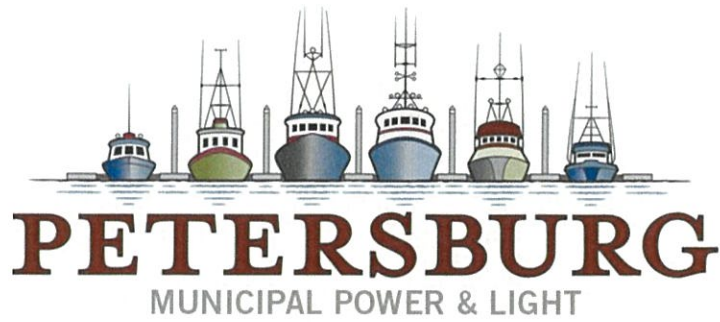
Subject: Letter of Interest to Continue as one of Petersburg's SEAPA Representatives for 2022

I would like to continue as Petersburg's voting member on the SEAPA Board of Directors in 2022. 2021 has been a very challenging, time intensive, and rewarding year for both Mr. Hagerman and myself serving as your representatives on the SEAPA Board. I am very pleased that SEAPA was very successful in replacing the submarine cable serving Petersburg and that we had the full support of the member communities.

Currently, the Board has embarked on an indepth look at our financial reserves, a detailed 5-year update of the projects and actions needed to meet future power needs and to relicense our hydroelectric facilities. Maintaining continuity on the course the Board has set in motion is important so that the future power needs of Petersburg is part of the decision process. I am confident that Mr. Hagerman and I, acting as your team, can effectively serve in that role.



Bob Lynn
Assembly Member



October 26, 2021

Ms. Debra Thompson, Borough Clerk
Petersburg Borough
PO Box 329
Petersburg, Alaska 99833

Re: Letter of Interest to Serve on the SEAPA Board of Directors

Dear Debbie,

I would like to express my interest in representing Petersburg on the SEAPA Board of Directors for calendar year 2022.

I look forward to maintaining continuity on the Board of Directors as the Board moves forward with discussions including wholesale rate increases, updates to the 4R plan and potential generation projects in support of our region.

Please let me know if you have any questions of me and please forward my interest to the Mayor and Borough Assembly for their consideration.

Thank you,


Karl Hagerman
Utility Director

Cc: Bob Lynn, SEAPA Board of Directors, Petersburg Voting member

Debra Thompson

From: Daniel Sullivan <danjsulli@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 7:26 PM
To: Debra Thompson; Assembly; Mark Jensen
Subject: Public Safety Advisory Committee

November 29, 2021

Honorable Mayor and Assembly,

I am submitting this letter seeking appointment to the Public Safety Advisory Committee. I understand that the committee is currently short two members and I am willing to step up and help out with this important group. Besides the nuts and bolts of helping keep Petersburg a safely functioning community, currently there is the challenging work of keeping citizens safe during the current health crisis. I have lived in Petersburg for 40 years. I am a former volunteer with the Petersburg Fire Department. I was a member of the new library planning board. I served as President of the Petersburg Arts Council for several years and have been on numerous committees during my employment with the Petersburg School District. I feel like I know the community and it's values well and have a strong ability to work with others.

Thank you for your consideration.
Dan Sullivan

Debra Thompson

From: Tim <gov-t@ridgefolkmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 2:25 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Regarding the proposed mask ordinance

Members of the Borough Assembly,

I am writing to you in regard to the proposed face mask ordinance. I am opposed to this ordinance. I believe it to be unnecessary and that little to nothing will be achieved by its passage. I understand that some on the assembly feel the need to “do something” in light of the current Covid outbreak. However, one must come to grips with the reality that there are certain situations which are beyond your ability to control. I believe that this move by the assembly, if passed, will prove largely unhelpful. It is beyond your control. In short, you believe that by instituting (another) mask ordinance that it will somehow slow the spread of Covid within our community. Will it?

It seems to me that we tried this once before, a year ago. Yet, it was when that ordinance was in place that we had the largest Covid outbreak to date, nearly 80, I believe. Prior to that mask ordinance, we had been in the pandemic for eight months without any mask requirements covering the borough. And through those eight months we managed to have very low Covid numbers. To be sure, some were wearing masks through that time. But many were not. If masks are the solution, why were our numbers so low? And why did we have such a large outbreak in November and then February? While I don't expect the assembly to have answers to these questions, the question remains as at least a curious oddity that seems to run contrary to the solution now being proposed.

Our schools have had mask requirements for much of the last year and a half. If there was one good case study in a relatively controlled environment within our community on masking, this would be it. As of yesterday, at least one-third of the current case count were teachers and students. Does masking work? Perhaps it helps. From the numbers, you'd think the schools were unmasked. Why then are there so many from our schools with Covid? There are plenty of other people within our community who have not been wearing masks. Why isn't it hitting only them?

If we cannot achieve the goal of eliminating the spread of Covid within our schools where there is universal compliance, why do we expect that ordering everyone who goes into a public space to mask will achieve anything of significance? Especially when we know many or most will not mask? And the reality is that as more and more individuals contract Covid, there is less and less reason to see masking as the answer or to fear this virus. As more contract it, the likelihood of outbreaks shrinks as the pool of the untouched decreases.

People grow weary of the borough's intrusion in this way. Especially when we know that the overwhelming majority of those who get Covid recover. People will get sick. And most will recover. Mask mandates haven't had great success before. They will have even less now, as the pool of Covid-recovereds increases by the day. I urge the assembly to vote “NO” to this unnecessary ordinance.

Respectfully,

Tim Ritter

Petersburg Borough Assembly:

November 11th 2021

To Whom:

This communication is written in support of measures for enforcement of recently enacted masking mandate.

First, thank you for enacting a much needed mitigation action. Clearly voluntary compliance with proven measures have not been embraced. As a foreseeable result of benign neglect Petersburg ranks amongst the high per capita case rates in the world as of this writing.

Petersburg:	2850/100,000
Alaska:	550/100,000
USA	160/100,000

Mitigation factors have a proven affect on disease spread and on case counts. As efforts continue to increase vaccination rates, other measures need to continue. Masking, social distancing, and good hygiene are effective if enforced. It is clear from a recent trip along Front Street that a portion of the businesses feel no inclination to adhere to said mandate. Without incentive to comply or disincentive to not comply the likelihood of success is in doubt. As such I am endorsing some means of compelling compliance. This may include citing or fining both organizations and/or individuals found to be defying the masking mandate.

The Petersburg School System has set up a model response. They are utilizing a combination of in person and remote learning. They have developed a testing protocol that has identified cases early. They are working doubly hard to provide dual tract of instruction and are limited by staff illness or need for staff absence due to child care issues as day cares are affected.

Likewise the hospital is operating with minimal staff or replacement options for the same reasons. The State is in the process of proving itinerant nurses to help with our ongoing efforts to test and treat. Luckily Petersburg early on made a decision to test aggressively. This provided a protective bubble for our community while surrounding communities had much high case loads. That bubble no longer exists; again, a foreseeable result of relaxed or absent mitigation measures.

Recent spread within borough departments has taken three officers out of duty status and I am told that the borough may have to decide between snow removal and trash collection next week due to staffing issues. Public Works is at minimum staffing for water production. This should be a wake up call!

It is no longer a viable option to simply ignore the reality we now face. Doing nothing, being missing in action, or denying a problem exists is how we got to this point. I strong urge the Assembly to take the next step and provide enforcement language to the existing mandate. I believe it will increase compliance, as it has elsewhere, and provide much needed cover for businesses to avoid alienating their patrons. We have been extremely fortunate thus far with the local morbidity rates. I can only hope that I situation continues, with support of the Assembly endorsing the next steps to control this pandemic.

Mark Tuccillo
Petersburg Public Health Officer

Debra Thompson

From: Donna Marsh <dwmmarsh430@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 3:30 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Proposed amendments input

Dear Assembly members:

It's not about the mask and *you know it*. Your proposed amendments to the emergency ordinance reek of absolute authoritarianism and coercion.

Fines for violators are absurd, punitive and tyrannical and emphasize even more that it's not about public health. If the borough government were legitimately concerned about public health, gym passes would be mandatory with attendance required, weight checks for obesity done, and bars and liquor stores would be limited in their sales.

You tell us masks and 6' social distancing are the key mitigators to curbing the spread of covid. Yet places across the world with the strictest rules on these show no correlation to the slow of the spread.

Let people determine their own course for their health, their businesses, and their lives.

Shame on you.

Donna Marsh

Debra Thompson

From: Will and Christy Ware <info@akcedarbox.com>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 4:20 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Ordinance 2021-19

Good afternoon,

From previous assembly meetings, I see that the assembly references email communications from constituents as being impactful on decision making. Therefore, I make this in attempt to provide you consideration to what the above referenced ordinance will do to businesses.

This mandate by the Borough has already seen businesses place signage on our storefronts that state "Masks Required." We already provide hand sanitizers and masks at our own expense. (Although the Chamber has done an amazing job at providing some of these resources.) We sanitize our stores daily and make sure that we and our staff are protected so that we can maintain our health and keep our businesses open in an already dire economic environment. To ask us to now "Police" mask wearing to customers is not something most business owners are willing to do. For nearly two years each brick and mortar store on our Main Street has sacrificed beyond what each and every one of our assembly members have had to contemplate or experience.

If the Borough is wanting to police mask wearing in businesses, then provide us the revenue to do so. Even the borough advocates against "unfunded mandates" by State and Federal governments. If you don't, you should...it's wrong.

Our businesses have suffered too much. And now our assembly is contemplating asking us to police our customers. This is asking from a class of people that give so much to our community already. And before we hear that this is to keep our businesses open...consider for a moment just what it has taken to keep our businesses open during this pandemic already.

Don't ask of us more than what we have already given. Don't make us the bad guys for a decision that is beyond our control.

If the Assembly decides to fine non compliance of masking, then so be it. But make sure that you are willing and have the courage to take the heat of such a decision and not place that burden on someone else, specifically the business owners.

Respectfully,

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Will and Christy Ware
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November 14th

To the Petersburg Assembly,

We are writing this letter in opposition to the proposed Ordinance #2021-20 which would result in fining local businesses for not enforcing the mask mandates.

This is not a letter in opposition to masking, but the inappropriate level of arrogance and overreach of government into our community's private business.

Since the date, this ordinance was proposed not a single assembly person has reached out to retail vendors to assess impacts that such a mandate would demand of business.

As you may have heard, retail labor is in short supply. Main street businesses have reduced hours and, in some cases, closed, due to this labor shortage. Requiring businesses, the extra responsibility of policing borough mandates will likely strain an already fragile workforce. Our essential businesses have been slogging through business with Covid since day one. There have been no major or even minor outbreaks associated with retail businesses for nearly two years, when this mess started. Cases have decreased of late, and this should be considered before draconian measures such as these are implemented. Those patrons who need our essential services may not receive them as extreme mandates measures such as this would create more demand on businesses already stretched.

Since the assembly continues to selectively listen to only one sector of our community without consideration to the rest, over 25 local businesses, mostly essential have rallied in opposition.

If the assembly approves this mandate, we will close our businesses. We will put a sign on the door which will read: "**CLOSED DUE TO GOVERNMENT OVERREACH**"- Contact your borough assembly members." It will hurt us, it will hurt our employees, the people who rely on our services, and it will hurt the borough in tax receipts. It is unfortunate, but after having jumped through hoops to keep our doors open for two years, this mandate to enforce an ordinance at our own expense, for another's actions is just too much.

In closing, we realize that sensibility is in short supply these days. Don't run with it. Please vote NO on Ordinance #2021-20.

Sincerely,

Hammer & Wikan, Trading Union, Petersburg Rexall, Diamantes, Reid Brothers, Rock N Road, Rocky's Marine, Napa, Piston & Rudder, Kito's, Harbor Bar and Liquor, Alaska Fiber, The Tree's, Alaska Floor Covering, Papa Bears, 420, The Elks, The Moose, Jensen Rentals, The Cedar Box, Blomster Hus, Nordic Elite Business Services, Nordic Automotive, Beachcomber, Mattingly Electric, Apex Refrigeration and heating.....

Debra Thompson

From: Jim Floyd <jfloyd@hammerandwikan.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 1:47 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Monday Borough Meeting

You can not hold a meeting Monday because there was no 72 hours notice posed on the Borough Website it is currently 12:34 pm on Sunday 11/14/2021 as I write this.

Section 3. Substantive Provisions:

A. The first paragraph of Section 3 of the Emergency Ordinance is amended as follows (the new language is underlined and in red):

Except as provided herein, all persons must wear masks or face coverings over their nose and mouth when they are indoors in any building within the Borough (1) that is open to the public or (2) within a communal space shared with other individuals not from one's household.

B. New language is added at the end of Section 3 of the Emergency Ordinance, to read as follows:

“Communal space” means any area in a building where members of more than one household can commingle, including without limitation areas used for (1) exercise or fitness, (2) community events, whether ticketed or otherwise, (3) meetings, events or other usage by private social clubs, societies, lodges, associations or nonprofit groups, and (4) including entrance lobbies, hallways, and stairwells for such areas.

C. New language is added at the end of Section 3 of the Emergency Ordinance, to read as follows:

Businesses, employers, and building owners or lessees shall deny admittance to any individual who fails to comply with this Emergency Ordinance; provided, however, that this ordinance shall be applied in a manner consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and any other applicable provision of law. Businesses may choose to allow individuals who request an accommodation under the ADA to wear a face shield.

The definition of Communal space is any space that is shared by more than one person, that would include our homes, outside and churches. You can try to reason it away with B but it needs to be more clearly defined for the public.

Section C

I am totally against. I understand the burden that the school and hospital has been put under the last two years. They have both received additional funding and were able to hire and get outside resources. No one seems to care that the essential businesses have been running short. Our employees are over worked and stressed dealing with this political battle and trying to get goods to the shelves for consumers. We have remained open the whole time and serve everyone that comes through our doors. I will not put my employees under the burden of being the Boroughs enforcement agents. Normally I would have managers deal with such matters but they are busy covering tasks themselves. There are some of you that say they can do delivery or curbside, again we are constrained to the max already. Historically, retail employees don't make as much as school, hospital and Borough employees. They definitely don't make enough to deal with this. **It is not up to businesses to enforce what the public does, and we certainly don't deserve the threat of a fine.**

You are reacting to the current cases. The issues is that the advise is wrong. Last year when you were exposed to someone you quarantined. Now people are being told if you are vaccinated you don't need to quarantine. We have had more then 30 break through cases. Those are people who are fully vaccinated and still got covid19. I know this from personal experience. The CDC says that you can still infect others. When I was informed of exposure we mitigated ourselves and had all that were exposed to quarantine, there was no spread from us.

Debra Thompson

From: Theresa Litsheim <ptlits@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 3:09 PM
To: Assembly; Bob Lynn; David Kensinger; Jeigh Stanton Gregor; Chelsea Tremblay; Jeffrey Meucci; Mark Jensen
Subject: Letter concerning citation Ordinance against businesses
Importance: High

Dear Petersburg Borough Assembly Members and Mayor,

Wearing a mask is a personal choice! It is not up to me to police my customers as to whether they are wearing a mask or to force someone to against their will, or even deny them admittance, and if they do, everyone gets fined according to this Ordinance which is defined as a Law. This is a very extreme measure to take!

With all due respect, this does not make sense to me, and I believe this is unconstitutional!

If a customer has a private reason for not wearing a mask or face shield (and there are some very legitimate and medical reasons) that they don't feel like sharing with the world, that is their business and not mine, their decision, and I completely respect that.

I have received several phone calls from very concerned citizens of our community not even wanting to go downtown to shop if this law passes. This will drive more consumers to shop online, which means less local shopping therefore less revenue for the local businesses and less sales tax revenue. This is serious and very alarming! What's next? No one wants to possibly be in a place of business where they may get a fine or see someone else get a fine. That is frightening, not welcoming, and not Petersburg!

Is it possible that the Borough receives funding for taking such measures? If so, the Borough is the only one that benefits for this extremism. Do not pass this law, especially with only one reading, and send our police officers into my place of business and give fines to my customers, my employee's (if I am not there), or myself. Good grief. If the Assembly passes this law, then the Assembly should pass out the citations!

Your sign is posted on my window, and I will wear a mask, however, enforcing it on my customers is not my place or responsibility or that of my employee's, it is completely unethical, not Christian, unfriendly, bad customer service, and that customer will most likely walk away or not even come in and rather go online!

I am looking forward to a Happy Holiday, Thanksgiving and Christmas Season, let's make that happen together! Let us not forget that we are a small community where everyone knows everyone!

I am a very concerned business owner, and this is my livelihood!

Kind Regards,

Theresa Litsheim

Diamante Gift Shoppe

Debra Thompson

From: Aaron Hankins <general.hankins@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 6:21 PM
To: Bob Lynn; Assembly
Subject: Borough Volunteer Guidance

Hello, Mr. Lynn and Assembly

I have had a chance to review Steve's basic draft for standards and guidance for Volunteer projects that are performed on behalf of the borough. My initial thoughts are that the policy is simple, easy enough to follow and has clear concise requirements and expectations. With one exception, I wholly endorse it, on the basis of how the borough is trying to be as unrestrictive as possible (at least that is my impression).

My one thought is that forcing projects to be completed by licensed contractors might bring the costs of projects up significantly and even prohibitively. It is my understanding that a licensed contractor would not be allowed to have "volunteer help" on a "job site" without risking claims to his own insurance and possibly may even risk their own license.

That is my offhand understanding, and unfortunately, I wouldn't be able to help clarify that issue before your meeting. I do appreciate that the assembly might leave the decision to the building inspector, so there may be a work around.

I would be interested to hear how the building inspector may come to rule in favor of a licensed contractor or not. That would certainly help the volunteer groups factor the added cost into their projects early on, to help streamline an application for a project.

I understand that some projects absolutely require professional insight for safety and to ensure proper codes are followed, though I wonder if it would be acceptable if one of the volunteers was a licensed contractor themselves and was simply able to donate their time supervising a group of volunteers, vs having to bring in their own employees to meet the Building inspectors needs.

I look forward to hearing the assembly members' thoughts.

-Aaron Hankins

Debra Thompson

From: Bob Martin <bobwmartin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 8:05 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Mask Mandate Enforcement

Dear Mayor and Assembly,

I respectfully ask you not to escalate enforcement of the mask mandate. I didn't express my reservations about the latest mask mandate because I assumed it would be unenforced like the previous one. Our local medical professionals testified that we were at risk of maxing out the medical capacity in town. It would send a strong message to the public. I could feel and understand the sense that something had to be done to address the crisis. However, now that enforcement comes into the picture, I realize that this is about as far down the road as I can go. Maybe it was a wrong turn. An unenforced mandate is already a sketchy thing. Selective, subjective enforcement of an ordinance seems generally like an even worse idea, but universal enforcement could trigger an overwhelming civil disobedience/protest situation that causes deeper and lasting division. There are many people who would love to get a ticket and look forward to challenging it. It might be a disaster. Beware. I get the frustration you are feeling. I understand your motivation to make the town safer, but the juice is not worth the squeeze.

-Bob Martin

Debra Thompson

From: Mandie Whitethorn <lmwhitethorn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 9:22 PM
To: Debra Thompson; Assembly; Stephen Giesbrecht
Subject: Masking Mandate Ordinance

I am typing this e-mail as a concerned resident, and as a concerned business owner of Petersburg, Alaska. I have spent the last 19 years building my business which also includes building relationships, building trust, building loyalty, and building respect with all my customers. I will NOT have that taken away within seconds by using your mandated power tactics. Mandating my employees to mask can be a huge health and risk factor working with 2 650 degree pizza ovens. I will NOT enforce anything upon my employees and/or customers, nor will I be policing the mask mandate. I work anywhere from 9-12 hour days as it is cooking, cleaning, and serving food. Policing a mask mandate is not on my resume, therefore, I will not comply with what you are wanting to demand of me.

I choose the personal liberty and freedoms over the borough assembly's overreach, and I will continue to choose as I have through the entirety of this pandemic. This borough belongs to the people, and we the people have a voice. The borough needs to listen. This mandate can cause a lot of problems for our small community of businesses. I strongly suggest you reconsider this ordinance that is being voted on. It's time we start living in freedom again and not fear.

Mandie Whitethorn
Papa Bear's Pizza

Sent from my iPhone

Debra Thompson

From: kjthynes <kjthynes@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 11:38 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Emergency 2021-20

hi!
I am not in favor of this being passed.
JoAnn Thynes

Debra Thompson

From: Audrey Samuelson <audreysamuelson0312@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 8:27 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: Amended masking mandate

My name is Bud Samuelson, I would like to express my concerns on the proposed amendment to the mask mandate. I don't agree with the original Mandate for reasons you've all heard before, but definitely I am against the proposed amendment. I think the assembly is making a serious overreach by imposing fines to the business if someone violates the mandate. The businesses are experiencing a hard time having enough employees to keep the doors open as it is. To make the business have someone guard the door so no one without a mask enters or they could potentially be fined is ridiculous. That would be like making a law that if someone is caught speeding not only will they have to pay the fine but the person or business that sold him the car would also be fined.

Please consider what the consequences could be if you pass this amendment to the local businesses. If you insist on adding a fine to your mandates, leave the enforcing to the local police department and not put the burden on the business owners.

Sincerely Bud Samuelson

Sent from my iPad

Debra Thompson

From: Rikki McKay <rikkimckaymalone@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 10:06 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: Proposed Ordinance 2021-20

Thank you for taking the time to pass ordinance 2021-19, implementing a temporary masking requirement in public buildings in the borough in response to rapidly escalating case numbers. While mandates are rarely useful in changing behavior, the establishment of community norms is supported, in part by laws, codes and mandates. I appreciate living in a community where the response to an outbreak of highly contagious disease is mitigation. However, the proposed ordinance 2021-20 is an ill-conceived, ugly step in the wrong direction and contains multiple layers of harm to our most vulnerable citizens while presenting ongoing enforcement problems.

First by requiring businesses and building occupants to deny admission of unmasked persons to buildings, the borough is placing enforcement duties squarely on the shoulders of front-line workers. These workers rarely make more than minimum wage, are not armed, nor equipped with a means to prevent entry of said unmasked individuals. In addition to all the economic, emotional and medical harms of the pandemic these workers have already endured, the borough is looking for them to provide free enforcement of their mandates. Particularly upsetting about this is that assembly members themselves are already expressing fatigue and emotional distress from dealing with people unwilling to mask and now this mandate passes that distress along to minimum wage employees who did not choose to run for public office. I don't appreciate living in a community that takes advantage of it's hard working businesses and their staff in this manner.

Additionally, the ADA modification portion of this mandate is also placing a burden unfairly on persons with disabilities and again, business owners. The "allowance" of a face shield as the only ADA modification a business may provide requires business to have face shields on hand and grossly misunderstands the multitude of disabilities that may prevent a person from masking. For many who cannot mask due to disability, face shields are equally as impossible. Forcing community members to disclose disabilities in public spaces is not in any way acting in the spirit of ADA law. Fines for parents of disabled children who cannot mask or wear a face shield seems like a sticky legal situation. Once again, passing the duty to determine these issues off to a retail worker is irresponsible and reckless. I don't appreciate living in a community that additionally burdens people who already deal with disabilities on a daily, minute by minute basis.

The current masking mandate requires developmentally inappropriate masking of children aged 3-5. This ordinance would allow fines for toddlers who can't safely wear masks in the first place. Placing a financial burden on young families at this time is unconscionable. It also doesn't align with additional portions of this mandate that exempt child care centers from following this mandate. How can the borough justify allowing children to be unmasked all day long in their primary care settings and then turn around and fine their parents when they cannot manage a mask at the grocery store for 20 minutes? I don't appreciate living in a community that places excessive stressors and financial burdens on families who care for young children.

My final concern is more of a question really. Google deep dive could not even answer, "can a local government fine the federal government?" One of the few places in town I actually see a risk from unmasked people is the post office. There isn't room to spread out, there is limited ventilation and the length of time required in the space is usually at least an hour. Further, one cannot simply not go to the post office, as one could decide not to attend a large indoor gathering that was unmasked. These conditions prompted me to consider how nice it would be to have enforcement of a masking mandate. However, according to proposed mandate 2021-20 the enforcement would be issuing a fine to the US Postal Service and would require a postal employee to receive the service of the fine. I have a hard time justifying any

borough official waiting in that postal line just to serve masking violation fines to an agency that I'm guessing isn't going to be paying them anyway. Along these same lines, what is going to happen to businesses that don't pay their \$100 fines? Will the borough be taking them to small claims court? What is the financial impact of fighting those battles? I don't appreciate living in a community that utilizes taxpayer funds in inefficient ways.

If the assembly's response to these concerns is "Well that's not what this is for. We wouldn't do those things. This is for other situations." My concerns are not relieved, they are intensified. Any mandate within this community should be universally enforced and if a mandate cannot be universally enforced, it probably should not exist. I don't appreciate living in a community that contributes to systemic inequalities.

In conclusion, I urge assembly members to pass on these modifications to the existing ordinance. Please continue to support public health directives. Be an example of the behavior we wish to see from all our community members. The temporary masking mandate makes sense during a rapidly spreading outbreak. Wearing a mask is not a difficult act for many people and I deeply appreciate all those community members who are able to take this extra step when we are seeing case numbers increase. However, a poorly designed, punitive adjustment to the mandate will not achieve the masking compliance the assembly is hoping for and will only serve to burden those who have already borne so much cost.

Thank you.

Rikki McKay

Debra Thompson

From: Katie Eddy <ktekla@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 10:11 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: Meeting 11/15

Dear Assembly,

I'd like to take just a moment to express my opposition to the proposed changes to the current mandate.

The additional language goes too far and does more harm than good - it crosses a line.

Does a gathering in a private home constitute communal space? It sure seems like it could based on the provided definition of communal space.

If one or two employees work in a large area without contact should they still be required to wear a mask all day?

How will our Police force manage this increased work load on an already limited staff?

Based on the last published information our case count had peaked and is starting to decrease. This indicates that people are taking precautions and making choices to keep their families safe. We are 20ish months into this pandemic and do not need to be increasingly restrictive and controlling.

You're going to force community members to be pitted against each other, questioning every choice and ripping apart our people. Any other outcome can not be realistically expected.

These matters are a very slippery slope and this language is far too broad, excessive and just wrong.

Please vote no on the proposed changes.

Sincerely,

Katie Eddy

Sent from my iPhone

Debra Thompson

From: D Herbrandson <deandh777@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 10:46 AM
To: Assembly
Cc: Debra Thompson
Subject: Meeting Agenda

Good day,

I wanted to comment on the transparency of meeting subjects. Unless I am not looking at right place, which is the borough website for the assembly and meetings schedule, the agenda is not posted. In order to allow time for the public to review, and organize response, not only should the agenda be posted well in advance, but maybe even attached when posting announcements about the meeting. Not doing so can portray an image of trying to sneak things by, whether purposely or not, leading to mistrust in the process.

If I am not looking in the right place, please send me a link so that I can be correctly informed.

Thank you for your time,
Delinda Herbrandson

Debra Thompson

From: Young <young@aptalaska.net>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 12:20 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Greetings Borough Assembly,

Greetings Borough Assembly,

Thank you for your service during these strange times.

I think we can easily agree that the issue of mandatory masking is hotly debated in our town. On one side are those that see the pandemic as a dangerous and deadly disease and every precaution should be taken to eradicate it from our town. The opposing view is that COVID-19 is a bad flu that will eventually run through the town similar to other flus in the past, and that masking is largely ineffective and unnecessary.

One side sees Covid as akin to the Black Death and thinks we need to act accordingly. The other sees it as concerning but not terrifying.

Since there's no consensus in the community on the lethality of the virus, nor on what should be done to combat it, it would be unethical to require business owners, employees and building owners to become thought police.

I realize that extraordinary times call for extraordinary actions, however, I would urge you to consider that even though we have had a spike in cases, we have not had a spike in hospitalizations or in the death toll.

After almost two years since the arrival of COVID-19, we have had three deaths. During the first year, we had no vaccines or other effective treatments.

At this time, I urge you to shelve the idea of fines for individuals and particularly for businesses until it is warranted by the situation.

Best regards,
Larry Young

Sent from my iPhone

Debra Thompson

From: john <perhav@gci.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 10:14 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: mandate/fines

I would like to thank the assembly for getting more serious about the mask mandate by adding fines to individuals and businesses, covid is disasterous for this holiday season and our community in general. I am adding a partial list of things we do know to protect our life/health and safety:

1. life vests 14. boots
2. survival suits 15. safety glasses
3. masks 16. safety helments/hats
4. glasses 17. seat belts
5. seat belts 18. child car seats
6. hearing aides 19. braces
7. face masks-esstial to keep frostbite
down 20. retainers for teeth
8. hats 21. helmets
9. coats 22. various pads, depending on sport
10. gloves 23. casts
11. jock straps/cups 24. various braces, depending on injury area
12. snow suits 25. ace bandages
13. snow pants 26. bandages

This is just a partial list. I know you all have many others. Masks now being the most important other than vaccines.

john havrilek

Debra Thompson

From: Casey Flint <casey@rockysmarine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 10:30 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: Ordinance 2021-20
Attachments: Closure Notice.pdf

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I am writing today to express my concern that the proposed emergency ordinance #2021-20 simply goes too far. I do not support this amount of assembly control of private businesses. I am sure you will hear from lots of local businesses on this agenda item. Your local business owners just want to keep their doors open and serve our customers in the way we see best. We quietly collect sales tax revenue for the borough and pay property taxes on our stores, homes, buildings and land. I think you will find us less quiet as a group when you deem to tell us how and who we let through our doors.

I support a person's choice to mask, I support a person's choice social distance and other measures to keep ourselves safe. But, I believe that all of these measures come down to personal responsibility and this ordinance is not okay with me. Local businesses have struggled and fought through this pandemic to keep our doors open, to keep our employees working, to provide for the families that rely on our business and to keep our customers served as best we can. Asking us to police the behavior of another individual is a step too far. Threatening us with fines for another individual's non-compliance is an outrage. Should you find yourself in need of my goods or services after passing ordinance #2021-20, you will only find the attached sign on my locked door.

I urge you to let this ordinance die on the floor.

Respectfully,

Casey Flint

Rocky's Marine Inc
907-772-3949

I apologize, but Rocky's Marine is closed today.

We stand with the Petersburg Business Community in protest against the Borough Assembly enacting their most recent emergency order, Ordinance #2021-20.

We feel that it is unreasonable to expect business owners and employees to police what should be personal responsibility and run a business all while facing potential fines for someone else's personal choices.

If you are similarly disappointed in the Assembly's action or if this closure has caused you some inconvenience, I urge you to contact the Borough Assembly and let them know that you do not support Ordinance #2021-20 and it should be repealed immediately.

Email them at: assembly@petersburgak.gov

If you have an emergency, I may be contacted via email: casey@rockysmarine.com.

Debra Thompson

From: Don Cornelius <corndon1727@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 10:30 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: US Post Office crisis

I know it's out of your jurisdiction, but the situation at Petersburg's Post Office is hurting local residents including businesses. Last I knew only two people were working there and rumor has it, every time a new employee gets hired, then trained, they quit. I know one employee who loved the job and next thing I knew, she quit. Something is wrong and Petersburg residents are paying for it with long waits in line and prolonged potential exposure to covid.

Petersburg wants to attract new businesses to town and yet any potential business owner would need to plan on spending at least an hour in line for any transaction requiring mail service. That's certainly not an inducement to locate here.

As a governing body with more clout than individual citizens can you petition for help from higher ups in the Postal Service or does it need to come from our Congressional delegation? As an alternative, since covid is likely to be here for a long time, what about starting home delivery in Petersburg. If the Postal Service puts that out on contract, the hiring of local employees could be circumvented. I don't know how we would start that process, but if that's the solution, how do we get it started?

Petersburg residents need help and the status quo hasn't changed for way too long.

Thanks for any help you can provide.

Don Cornelius

Debra Thompson

From: Tory DeAngelis <tory.deangelis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: Nov 17th meeting

Dear Assembly members,

In your Passing of the November 5th Mask mandate Section 4 reads:

Section 4. Enforcement: The Borough reserves the right to use all available enforcement options to assure compliance with this emergency ordinance. **Violation of this ordinance does not create grounds for residents to harass individuals who do not comply with it.**

Twelve days later. You want to impose threats in the form of fines. You want to take a small island town and pit community members, friends, residents, employees, neighbors, and family-owned business owners against one another. Small businesses already feel the stress of being understaffed but now you're asking these business owners to be your hired enforcers. For small business owners to ask employees to now police the entrance of the store. You are all residents of this town. As a resident I don't understand how this gives you the right, power, and authority to harass individuals by threatening us with fines. We are all free adults who can make decisions for our own self. I ask you to NOT vote in fines to the mask mandate.

Thanks

Tory DeAngelis

Debra Thompson

From: Max Worhatch <mnmnwiv60@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1:35 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: ordinance #2021-20

Dear Petersburg Borough Assembly Members-

I'm writing today to voice my opposition to ordinance #2021-20.

It is becoming apparent that we are no longer living in a pandemic, and that COVID-19 is endemic. It is a waste of time, energy, and resources to try to control the spread of this virus. The time, energy, and resources would be much better spent on care of the very small percentage of people who require it. An ordinance like this is simply more of this dog chasing its tail. Nothing constructive comes of it, and there is no end to the game. Between the vaccinated and cases we have had in town, we have to be getting very close to at least a respite in cases. Yesterday we saw the number drop again. It is likely our spike is over for the time being.

An ordinance like this is something that we would have expected two years ago. We know a lot more now. We know people who are vaccinated can still contract the virus, and pass it on to close contacts. We know how to better treat those with life threatening reactions to the virus.

Ordinance #2021-20 which will fine people not wearing a mask in a building, and fine the owner of businesses who do not enforce it, and the owner of the building, is not necessary and will do nothing to lower cases. An assembly member in the last meeting made a statement to the effect that he knows masks work, because otherwise every plane flight would be a super spreader event if they didn't. I know of several people who have flown to town who tested positive. Is the airline contacted and

are the people who were on the flight contact traced? Pretty sure they are not. Why? I'll tell you. Because it would take up too much time and money, and wouldn't do anything except stop regular airline flights. I haven't heard of a single outbreak associated with an airline flight. I would point out that I have also not heard of any outbreaks being associated with any of the retail businesses in town. This ordinance, although it may look good (dog chasing tail), attempts to fix something that hasn't proven to be a problem. If there are in fact businesses that want to require masks in their business, they have a complete and absolute right to deny anyone who doesn't comply access to their establishment. They can ask the person to leave, not accept their money, and notify the police if the person will not leave of their own accord. Trespass is illegal, and any business has the right to refuse service to anyone they choose. The problem is theirs, not the entire borough. The proposed ordinance is in effect deputizing local businesses as mask police. It is basically requiring every business to have a bouncer at the door telling people they must mask to spend their hard earned dollars in town. All businesses in this town have expressed that there is a shortage of labor available. Many businesses, if this ordinance passes, will have to come up with another employee, or designate one of their current employees that already has duties associated with their position. This is what makes this onerous and heavy handed. When government starts telling people how they have to manage their business, burdening them with unfunded mandates that could require additional expense, to accomplish nothing more than a futile attempt to stop the massive outbreaks we have not been seeing in the retail sector, you will get push back. This is a non-nonsensical solution to a non-existent problem.

Please avoid being divisive and vote no on Ordinance #2021-20.

Respectfully,

Max Worhatch

Debra Thompson

From: jesse west <jesserwest@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:57 PM
To: jesse west; Assembly
Subject: Comments for November 17 council meeting

To the assembly in regards to mask mandates and enforcement

This is from Jesse West owner of Rainforest contracting INC here in Petersburg. I want to voice my concerns about the mask mandates and enforcement with fines to businesses and individuals not in compliance.

This is a gross overreach of government power and is very tyrannical in nature. It makes me think of a parent that physically takes their child by the hand and forces the child to pick up all their toys in the room. And later sits back with a smile at how well their child cleaned their room. This is not a good precedent on how things should be run in our community. I believe that you guys are doing what you think is best for the community and that is the scariest part because you believe that any means justify the end. I am saying there is no room for tyranny and even if what your proposing would actually make a difference in the outcome Covid in our town it still isn't justified. I will end with a quote from

CS Lewis

Of all tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It would be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience.

Jesse West

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Debra Thompson

From: Daniel Tucker <daniel@pippinhedge.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:56 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Comments re: mask ordinance

Greetings. My wife and I moved here from Washington State three months ago. There were many reasons for our move, including all the wonderful things we heard about Petersburg. Getting away from Jay Inslee's draconian lockdowns was also very important to us.

I respect that the goal of this ordinance is better health for everyone. However, you are demonstrating a genuine distrust of the public's ability to take care of themselves.

It is the peculiar madness of our time that we have convinced ourselves we can control an evolving family of wild airborne viruses. We always knew that it would eventually become endemic and now it is. You might as well try to control the common cold. This absurd premise gives governments everywhere an imperative to micromanage their citizens, with the almighty scoreboard of casenumbers everpresent in the background. Ever more expensive surveillance and enforcement measures follow, as officials try to prove that they're being safe and responsible. Our freedoms never come back because somebody, somewhere will always have Covid.

People will always get sick from one thing or another. Ultimately, each one of us is responsible for our own health, via how we choose to eat, sleep, breathe, work, and play. The borough assembly is not my mother- please don't pretend that you are.

Thank you

Daniel Tucker

Sent from ProtonMail mobile

Debra Thompson

From: Donna Martinsen <rainware@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 8:35 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: masks

I somehow without ever wearing a mask managed to live to 80 years old. Now I am being told that I am incredibly STUPID for holding to my belief for trusting my own body to keep me Healthy 24/7 is a great mistake! For my stupidity I must Obey you or be Severely PUNISHED. Of course now I will start to rethink my stupidity of thinking that a mask could not keep an infinitesimal microscopic unharmful speck away and could in fact harm me. All humans get back what they put out there. If you go through with this egregious ordinance you will be putting out at least a generation of disunity in this Community. Please follow your heart ❤️❤️❤️ Donna Martinsen

I Receive Everything I Need All The Time.

Debra Thompson

From: Sarah Fine <sarah@finewalshlaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:11 AM
To: Assembly
Cc: Debra Thompson; Stephen Giesbrecht
Subject: Choosing Non-Punitive Options

Dear Assembly:

I do not envy the position you're in, managing outbreaks that just won't fade away. I'm writing again to encourage the assembly to choose non-punitive options in managing COVID.

People who test positive for COVID are asked to stay home, but aren't necessarily given the resources to facilitate this. What if to encourage staying home the Borough provided food boxes to people in quarantine? The Borough could use COVID funds to buy food from H&W or TU and deliver those to residents. It would be extra safety for the community, and extra money for our grocery stores, win win.

I also still maintain that an ongoing creative/fashionable mask competition in the Borough would go a long way to improve peoples perception of masking.

Thank you for your time, energy, efforts, and consideration.

Sincerely yours,
Sarah Fine-Walsh

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Debra Thompson

From: Jennifer Thynes <auntynennie@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:27 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: The insanity that this assembly is pushing!

Not so benevolent overlords!

You are absolutely out of control! That “seat” you hold isn't a throne! You do not have blind authority! We are not your subjects! There is no emergency, and the power you have ceded to yourselves is disgusting and unnecessary. Throughout this entire sideshow, you have shown yourselves to be wholly unreasonable and deaf to all but one side of this discussion. That side has a considerable conflict of interest. They're a business making money on these decisions and have a vested interest in continuing this debacle. You've closed yourselves off from the citizens you are supposed to represent—cowardly hiding behind zoom meetings and manufactured fear. A frightened few are vilifying people who want to make their own decisions about safety and health! There are way too many options available now to continue this ridiculousness. To be here now is absolutely insane! You are over the edge down the slippery slope that we predicted when you just needed to update the wording on the ordinance. You've entirely proven all us “crazy” people absolutely correct!

Voting citizen
Jennifer Thynes

Debra Thompson

From: Debra Thompson
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 11:26 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: FW: Locked

-----Original Message-----

From: William MOulton <williammoulton2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 11:21 AM
To: Debra Thompson <dthompson@petersburgak.gov>
Subject: Locked

Debbie

Could you let the council know they need to enforce the lock down. We elect them to protect us. As a town we survived lock down before. Everywhere we go down south enforce showing your vaccinations card. Why not us?

Sent from my iPhone

Debra Thompson

From: Nancy Curtiss <ncurtiss11@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 11:46 AM
To: Assembly

Dear Assembly members,

Thank you for taking the time to read and listen to the public of Petersburg. I know many stand strongly on both sides of this ordinance. I pray you are able to make a clear and conscious decision in this matter. While I fully understand the need for a solution, I ask that you reconsider this one. This is not the solution for Petersburg's businesses. The businesses of Petersburg should not be put in charge of refusing service or issuing citations to those who chose to not follow the ordinance and choose not to mask. Many of them are already understaffed and their shortened hours are showing it. They do not have the extra staff to enforce this. By setting an ordinance or mandate that cannot be enforced, you are undermining the importance you are trying to express. Also, by doing so, you are asking them to ask customers to shop elsewhere and not come back, ever. There will be those that will make this choice. People will take their business out of town. This is not fair to our already struggling businesses. They should not be punished for another's behavior. Please put yourselves in their position. Consider if you were a business owner, what short term and long term effects would this have on your business. Especially during the Holidays. Please take the time to find another solution. This one is not beneficial to our community. If you insist that this is the only answer, make yourselves available from 8-5 daily to monitor and police the unmasked as well as enforce the paying of fines. People will continue to shop elsewhere out of town, but at least the businesses themselves will not be blamed for playing a part in this. We as a community and especially the Borough Assembly, should be keeping in mind the importance of supporting our businesses and unifying our town, not creating one more way to cause division.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Nancy Curtiss

Debra Thompson

From: Alisa Jestel <chefalisajestel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 11:48 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: Mask mandate fines

Good Morning,

I feel strongly that requiring business owners to police the mask mandate and issue fines is an egregious overreach of government, as well as an extremely unfair position to put them in. You are making them alienate their patrons and comprise their livelihood while times are already tough! I believe our government and police department should be trying to support the individual businesses and offer them any assistance they need in navigating these trying times, not burdening them with unreasonable expectations. Individual businesses should have the right to operate in a manor that works for them. If they choose to require masks to enter their store that should be respected and supported by the community as a whole. If they require assistance from the local police department or government that should be given, however to implement these unreasonable expectations will only serve to further comprise our local businesses and community as a whole. This is not the Perersburg I moved to and was excited to call home. If the Borough passes these new additions to the emergency ordinance I have no doubt that it will only increase the divide and animosity within this community. With each escalation of government overreach, I feel the ability for this community to heal and overcome this pandemic is becoming further and further out of reach! We need to look at the big picture and think about what type of community do we want to call home? I'm guessing to more and more people Petersburg is losing its appeal. I really hope we can start taking steps to return to a community I am proud to call home.

Thank you
Alisa Jestel

Sent from my iPhone

Debra Thompson

From: Sharon - Brad Hunter <akhunters85@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 11:54 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: Covid pandemic mitigation

Dear Assembly Members,

First and foremost I want to sincerely thank you for your willingness to assume leadership during what has been and continues to be the most difficult time I have ever experienced here in our community. No matter what you do or how you do it, you will be criticized. Open and ongoing respectful discussion seems the only way forward as we work through this together.

Out of control Covid infections are inflicting a heavy toll on our community particularly in the schools and hospital where the burden for safety of others is not a an optional duty. It is clear that without a directive from our assembly there would be little or no safety measures taken to slow the spread in the community at large and now at least I see the majority of people in public places are wearing masks.

I have just returned from travel to Central America where the economy is thriving with fully open stores, restaurants, public transportation, and hotels. What I saw was everyone putting a mask on and getting on with an unrestricted life. There was no complaining about doing what needs to be done to be healthy and protect others as opposed to emphasizing fear and anger.

That said I do not have a great answer for improving compliance, I do not feel that the owners of businesses should be placed in the position of enforcement but I believe that they may have some good ideas on how to get their customers to act with the common good in mind. I am sure they have been thinking about it as they and their employees are on the front line and at most risk to become infected and then spreading it to other vulnerable residents.

The vitriol and disrespect for others I have read on social media does not serve our community well and each hurtful sentiment put out in that sphere will take a very long time to heal. Our recent elections support thoughtful leadership where different ideas and proposals can be shared and reasonably examined.

I thank each and everyone of you for your time and effort.

Yours,
Sharon Hunter

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Debra Thompson

From: none none <feraltmcloud@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 12:12 PM
To: Jeigh Stanton Gregor; Jeffrey Meucci; blynn@petersburgak.org;
dkensington@petersburgak.gov; twalsh@petersburgak.gov;
ctrembley@petersburgak.gov; Debra Thompson; Stephen Giesbrecht
Subject: Ordinance Amendment

Let voting it down be for a need to rewrite and not because of bully tactics. I'm afraid if I were voting I would say it needs to be re-written, altho at this moment I am unsure how to suggest doing so.

And I just got some interesting feedback from one of the business owners, who will be tending their flock with something like a closed door method of taking orders online or over the phone and bringing them to the door or delivering but wonder why the Assembly didn't contact them first instead of springing the plan on them. . . Is that even allowed except by Assembly members individually? And when I asked if they had contacted any of you individually they didn't think they should have to. Give. Me. Strength.

Hang in there

Nancy Strand
907 772 4872

Debra Thompson

From: Tim <gov-t@ridgefolkmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 2:03 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Regarding the proposed amendment to the mask ordinance

Members of the Borough Assembly,

I would like to offer comments in regard to the proposed changes to the current masking ordinance. In short, I oppose those changes. Please allow me to suggest some points of consideration in this regard.

The proposed ordinance provides a rationale for instituting fines, that while some businesses are putting measures in place to protect employees and customers, some are not. Is it the job of businesses to keep people safe in this way? I would argue that it is not. With any other virus, we always assume it is up to each individual to take the precautions and make choices they believe necessary to preserve their health and safety. If someone is fearful of contracting the virus in a certain place, I see 2 options: do not enter said building, or do so and take the precautions that you can. This is the logic we use with any other virus. If a business wants to require masks, that is their prerogative, it is their business. However, I do not believe it falls within the Assembly's authority to demand such a thing of businesses or organizations.

The proposed ordinance also states as rationale that the Assembly believes instituting fines "will provide an incentive for compliance, to further aid in bringing this public health crisis under control." Question: has the Assembly considered the impact of this upon the businesses? Have the members considered the fact that many businesses are already short staffed and may not have the resources to enforce the mandate? Have they considered the loss in revenue that may occur? Has the Assembly considered that while public health is important, it is not the end all-be all or the supreme consideration in these decisions? Instituting measures that may bring economic harm to our community could potentially be more harmful than the fact that we had 92 cases. Or in other words, could the "cure" bring unconsidered harm exceeding the supposed seriousness of a virus? I would respectfully ask the members to consider this.

While the Assembly seems extremely concerned at the number of cases within the community, and cites statistics as to how many more cases we have than the rest of Alaska or the nation, there seems to be one glaring omission: how many are in the hospital? That seems to me to be the most important statistic. Why are we, wiggling out as it were, when the reality is that the vast majority who contract Covid nationally are not even hospitalized? The national numbers appear to show approximately 5% hospitalization. Has Petersburg even reached this? Has the hospital been at risk for running out of beds? I've not heard of it.

Why can we not trust people to take necessary precautions? If there is an outbreak of the flu, how would we respond? I realize that at the beginning of this pandemic, there was much we did not know. And people took precautions. We now know quite a lot more. We know who is at higher risk. We know ways that we can bolster our immune systems. We have effective vaccines, as well as effective treatments for those who get the virus. But if we were talking about a flu outbreak, I suspect that people would take the precautions they feel necessary for their health. If they are sick, they will stay home and minimize their interactions with others. If they are afraid of getting sick, they will stay home, and when they go out, they will keep distance from others, maybe wear a mask, wash their hands often, and take measures to bolster their immune system. As humans, we do risk assessments all the time and take the precautions necessary to avoid the risk. While Covid is not the flu, it is

currently more contagious for one, it is still like many other viruses we deal with. The flu can kill people and the flu can be very contagious at times. But both viruses are generally only dangerous for the elderly and those with pre-existing conditions.

And when people can clearly see that while Covid may be a bit more dangerous than the flu, for the large majority it does not cause serious illness or death, they are not likely to take the measures the Assembly is pushing. People see the general non-lethality of Covid and then put it up against the measures being taken, and for many the measures feel extreme for the reality on the ground. If we, as responsible adults, were to look at this situation, I think that for some or many, our risk assessment would lead us to take precautions similar to the flu. Perhaps, we would take extra precaution since Covid is not the flu. But when we see on-the-ground reality, and yet when the Assembly pushes measures that seem unnecessary given the reality, that gets people frustrated.

The Assembly also seems at risk of weakening their influence in the future. The more that the Assembly seeks to enforce these measures, especially as it seems to make less and less sense (dropping cases, extremely low hospitalization, generally non-lethal to the young and without preexisting conditions), the less many in our community will have any respect or trust for the Assembly in the future. They weaken the influence they have. If people see things being done that seem to make little logical sense, that generally does not lead to trust in other matters. Especially when it comes to public health, the Assembly may damage their influence in the future, and weaken their ability to ask things of the community because people may not forget this moment. I believe your credibility can and may already be damaged because the measures being taken do not seem to align with the reality of what we know about this virus.

That said, I do understand that you as the Assembly have a difficult task before you, balancing so many interests and opinions. I am grateful for your service in what may at many times feel like a thankless public service. I do not do so as often as I ought, but especially in this time, I ask the LORD to give you all wisdom to lead this community in a way that honors Him and promotes well-being at every level for those who live here.

I have great respect for our medical personnel and am sure they have felt taxed as most in this country have. I believe there are precautions we can and do take. I understand the Assembly's desire to protect the health of this community. However, I believe the current mask ordinance and the proposed fines are onerous (specifically in regard to businesses or organizations), perhaps not nearly as effective as we would like to think, and to some extent unreasonable. I believe that it will only serve to increase the division in our community. I, for one, have generally sought to follow the intent of the mask ordinance, even though I disagree with it. And I would respectfully and strongly ask that you vote against instituting these fines, and repeal the mask ordinance as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
Tim Ritter

Debra Thompson

From: Laife Weathers <laifeericsons@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 3:40 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Covid mandates/ fines/ enforcement

I am emailing the borough assembly to let you know my stance on the mandate to enact fines and enforcement including making businesses police there customers. I am firmly against any such mandates, consider this my vote against it. I will continue to ignore past and future mandates as a conscientious objector and if fines are levied I will be forced to do all my business elsewhere. Thank you for your time, Laife Weathers 804 neptune Petersburg AK

Debra Thompson

From: alicew.ak@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 4:08 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Meeting 11/17

Borough Assembly Members,

I am writing to you in opposition of emergency ordinance 2021-20. I want to start by saying I acknowledge the challenging situation we are in and don't take it lightly. We are in the midst of a significant outbreak that is heavily impacting our community, our schools, hospital and businesses. I understand this and am very thankful for everyone's efforts in getting us through this situation, especially our staff at PMC and the schools. I am well aware of the reality of this situation and am taking measures to reduce mine and my families risk of exposure. That being said, I do not support the proposed emergency ordinance. The great majority of people right now **are** masking, from what I've seen, so why the need to fine people or businesses who may already be struggling and doing their best to get by? Who will be enforcing these fines? Our local police? Someone else? Who has the time and resources for that? This feels extreme, and will likely create more tension and community divide, as the mandates already have, so I don't support it. This isn't because I don't think people should take safety measures, I absolutely think they should on their own accord, not the Borough's. When the EOC was in place fines were never pushed, it was often asked about and the position was always that fines were not the direction they wanted to go. The EOC was a large group of people making those decisions, so who is making these decisions now?

We are all experiencing this situation through a different lens and cannot be expected to have the same opinions or beliefs. We need to stop judging, finger pointing, and shaming people, and treat each other with respect. The health and wellbeing of our community goes far beyond enforcing a mask mandate, and I feel this ordinance is not where our leadership should be taking us. I am asking you not to pass this ordinance. Please understand that you can support masking and other safety measures and still say 'no' to imposing fines and the additional stress on individuals and burden on businesses. Please vote no on this ordinance. Thank you for your time.

Alice Williams

Sent from my iPhone

Debra Thompson

From: Jim Floyd <jfloyd@hammerandwikan.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 6:23 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Ordinance #2021-20

Hello I am Jim Floyd General Manager of Hammer and Wikan.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you this evening. I am glad the meeting was postponed; I realize the municipal code doesn't define a time for the agenda to be posted. Only that it is reasonable. I felt that since this will affect all citizens it was reasonable to give us the normal 72 hours standard that you have historically practiced gathering feedback.

Many people were not aware of the emergency meeting and the subsequent mandate. The frustration as a result of that meeting and lack of "compliance" and the authorship of this mandate is in large part due to poor communication.

The letter you received, and the threat of closure is from the essential businesses, and we have received support from over 30 local businesses. We are against the idea of holding businesses accountable to enforce the mandates and intervene in the choices that the general public choose to make.

We were never consulted on this issue and are very frustrated at the lack of inclusion. We are not equipped to enforce what you are asking. We are short on manpower and resources, the same as we have heard from both the medical community and the schools. We are overworked, stressed, and stretched to the limit. In addition, it is not right that we require our employees to be the enforcers in addition to their normal job functions. I want to protect my employees from possible negative reactions from enforcement of the mandate.

The issue is that you are fighting human nature. People do not like being forced upon ideals in which they do not believe in. This is a polarized issue that has become weaponized by trying to put punitive damage on it.

Just because you have the power to do something doesn't mean it is right. I suggest you slow down and really listen to all sides. The discussion of fines without due process is not ok. I am sure that our great law enforcement agents have better things to do than stand in local businesses policing masking mandates and handing out tickets to those who choose to not follow.

On behalf of the Petersburg Coalition of Small Businesses Vote no on Ordinance #2021-20

As a reminder, no one has been infected with the virus in any of our essential businesses.

Debra Thompson

From: Rikki McKay <rikkimckaymalone@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:00 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Ordinance 2021-20

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of community feedback. I'm grateful to hear we can all agree not to shift responsibility where it does not belong. I truly appreciate your perseverance to eliminate the most harmful pieces of this ordinance.

Rikki

Debra Thompson

From: Karen Schramek <kschramek9@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:31 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Thank you!

I Sincerely want to thank you for all the time and effort you put in to manage Petersburg. And the above and beyond efforts you are doing walking the fine line with Covid!!! I know it hasn't been easy. I am actually shocked at some peoples attitudes.

I'm a believer in vaccines and masks to put Covid behind us.

I do want to share a few things:

1. People at the PO have told me they're only wear a mask bcuz they don't want to get a fine. We shall see what happens. Since it's a Fed bldg I am assuming it can't be monitored by local police? And yes please try to get more support for getting PO workers and money to buy a postage machine so mail we send out doesn't have to go through Jnu to be postmarked and then sent back to be delivered to a Psg address 😞. And People who need medicine who can't afford it locally are not getting their prescriptions,,, sometimes waiting 2 or 3 weeks and going without til it.
2. Two weeks ago I needed to go to ER for help with kidney stones at 1am but was told not to come in bcuz they had a Covid person coming in. Was tough for me as I couldn't keep any liquids down so tough to pass stones and took me 4 days to recover. So I'm not happy with antivaxers, non maskers, irresponsible businesses. So I want to thank you for putting mandates in place!!!

Sincerely,
Karen Schramek

Sent from my iPhone

Debra Thompson

From: Will and Christy Ware <info@akcedarbox.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 10:26 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: Assembly Stanton-Gregor Closing Comments

Assembly member Stanton-Gregor's comments at the end of last night's meeting deserve an apology to local businesses. As does Assembly Member Trembleys for instigating uproar for nothing more than to get the attention of our community at the expense of local businesses. Not one business commented against masking, and yet we were faced with fines and penalties. To add insult to injury, Chelsey went on to state she had no intention of her authored ordinance passing!

No business was holding our community hostage. But as our local government was flexing its muscles of overreach, business resorted to the ONLY action of equivalent response, and that was to close!

I suggest to Assembly member Stanton-Gregor that maybe his frustration and should lie with his colleague for instigating a frivolous, scare tactic that created such an uproar. Not with the businesses that have struggled for nearly two years to keep our heads above water for an ever and continuing growing plethora of reasons.

I am appalled at some of the Assembly members' lack of concern for our retail businesses considering we are the backbone of this community!

Again, Jay and Chelsey, if you are people of your word and have concern for this community as you both have stated, correct the wrong and apologize!

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Debra Thompson

From: Karen Schramek <kschramek9@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: H&W

Here's one for ya,,, I've heard from a reliable source that H&W assistant manager was told by H&W Board of Directors to Not call police if people were in their grocery store shopping.
Sorry,, I just thought you should know.

Debra Thompson

From: Dana Thynes <danathynes@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 9:08 PM
To: Debra Thompson
Subject: Letters to the Assembly

Dear Debbie,

I'm sending 2 letters (my speeches which I read on Wednesday) for the Assembly and for the next Agenda packet. Is it possible for you to email them to the Assembly, or do I need to do that individually? I can't find the old email to send to all the Assembly on the new site, though I'm sure it's there.

Let me know! I don't want to make your life difficult.

Here's letter #1:

This Assembly has fought against learning anything new. From the moment the government first said, "Two weeks to flatten the curve," it seems that Petersburg's Assembly has faithfully followed everything they have said.

But not everyone has your FAITH in the intelligence or integrity of federal agencies. While you seem to have closed your eyes to what has been going on all around you the past 2 years... while you have been focused on masks, which "might stop a droplet or two", to quote Dr. Fauci, and while you and other locals are busy censoring any discussion that pops up about early treatment of COVID, others have been looking around and thinking how best to fend for themselves and their loved ones.

Though we who have expressed skepticism of the reigning narrative have been treated as children needing to be educated, most of us are actually adults, who can cut through the "confusion" to be found online and separate the wheat from the chaff. No, not everybody. Some people will believe anything told them by a person they perceive to be an "expert." But others have been asking questions, and questioning the Official Narrative, and finding it wanting.

You might believe that with a little more education on social distancing, or with a helpful policeman stopping us at the door of Trading Union to explain why masks are necessary, that we might finally "SEE THE LIGHT" and repent of our former selfish ways - but it isn't like that. You see, we KNOW that you are missing the big picture.

Perhaps because you exist inside an ECHO CHAMBER, where no contradictory voices or ideas can reach you, you might assume that what you know is all there is. But by censoring those contradictory voices, you have limited the opportunities to expand knowledge and

understanding not just for yourselves, but for those with whom you disagree. Dialogue and openness make a democracy stronger.

When KFSK refused to air a commentary about early treatment for COVID, created by myself and a friend, when the Petersburg COVID Facebook group blocked studies I shared from the CDC and FDA about the weaknesses inherent in the PCR tests, and then blocked me from the group altogether, when the Pilot refused to publish a letter pointing out a new study about the dangers of the spike proteins in vaccines, these actions were a disservice to the community. Even if you disagreed with the premises or conclusions, stopping discussion altogether serves no one.

SCIENCE is not frozen in time or space. It is never settled, and knowledge has accumulated about the SARS-CoV2 virus, and ways to treat it, and help prevent it. Masks are NOT really a powerful agent. As Mr. Hofstetter has acknowledged, they are only a part of a "layered" approach. Masks are not stopping even fully vaccinated people from contracting COVID, and I think we all have some stories like that.

Regarding the new Emergency Ordinance proposals, a friend who once worked for the city shared with me a few drawbacks to this plan:

On top of everything else if this is a city ordinance then the city will be spending \$ to prosecute when people are given citations, but decide not to pay. If it is officers wasting time in court it is their wages. If it is the city attorney it will be big bucks. And, if someone fails to appear and a warrant is issued and the person or persons cannot post bail, the jail could get full very fast.

A saying attributed to General Omar Bradley:

"Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave." Thank you!

Dana Thynes

Debra Thompson

From: Dana Thynes <danathynes@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 9:13 PM
To: Debra Thompson
Subject: Letter #2 on the Spike Protein Dangers

Here is the second letter. Again, if I need to send these individually, please let me know.

As you all know, Sars-CoV-2 has a spike protein on its surface. Because that protein is what allows the virus to infect our bodies, pharmaceutical companies have been using it in vaccines. The shots program our own cells to manufacture the protein, and if we can mount an immune response against it, in theory we could prevent SARS-CoV2 from infecting the body.

That was the theory. But researchers have learned that the spike protein is inherently dangerous in and of itself.

Dr. Byram Bridle, an immunologist in Ontario, says, "We made a big mistake. We thought the spike protein was a great target antigen, we never knew the spike protein itself was a toxin... by vaccinating people we are inadvertently inoculating them with a toxin."

Additionally, vaccine researchers previously assumed mRNA vaccines would behave like traditional vaccines, remaining mostly in the injection site at the shoulder muscle.

But Bridle said he and a group of international scientists filed a FOIA request in Japan to get access to Pfizer's "biodistribution study," which Japan required before they would use the Pfizer vaccine. Biodistribution studies are used to determine where an injected compound travels in the body, and which tissues or organs it accumulates in.

Dr Bridle says, "It's the first time ever scientists have been privy to seeing where these messenger RNA vaccines go after vaccination... Is it a safe assumption that it stays in the shoulder muscle? The short answer is, absolutely not." The biodistribution study shows the vaccine spike protein gets into the blood where it circulates from days to months, post-vaccination, accumulating in organs and tissues including the spleen, bone marrow, the liver, adrenal glands and in "quite high concentrations" in the reproductive organs. "The spike protein is produced on the surface of our cells, and recognizing these spikes on our cells as being abnormal, the body attacks them -beyond just making antibodies, our body attacks our own cells – the beginning of autoimmune disease.

"...heart problems, problems with the cardiovascular system, bleeding and clotting, are all associated with the COVID-19 disease, but what has been discovered by the scientific

community, is that the spike protein on its own, even without the rest of the virus, is almost entirely responsible for the damage to the cardiovascular system..." Yet here we are, injecting billions of spike proteins, or the ability to manufacture spike protein into ourselves, in quantities far greater than what we would experience with naturally-acquired COVID-19.

Just as children should not be wearing masks, just so they should be kept far away from these dangerous shots. Sweden, Iceland, and Denmark have PROHIBITED anyone under the age of 30 from getting the injections. Yet here in the US, Gavin Newsom has mandated COVID vaccinations for all children in California.

The rise of the Delta variant has come from the use of the COVID vaccines, according to Dr. Peter McCullough, cardiologist, internist, and epidemiologist in Dallas. He explains that "evolutionary pressure" on the virus has created a situation where "for the first time, we have 99% Delta as a single strain in the United States."

We've never had that, he says. Just like we have people with different hair color, we've always had a blend of virus strains. Why do we have 99% Delta? Answer: Because Delta is thriving in the noses and mouths of those who are vaccinated. Thriving.

These vaccines are for a virus that's no longer circulating – the ALPHA VARIANT!

"So this idea that you're going to take a vaccine, and suddenly go into the workplace and you're not a threat to somebody [is erroneous].

"The vaccinated are just as much a threat to someone else," as the unvaccinated... MORE: because they have a false sense of assurance that they could not be contagious.

The solution? Strengthen your immune system, and get EARLY TREATMENT when your turn comes. THANK YOU,

Dana Thynes

Debra Thompson

From: Daniel Sullivan <danjsulli@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2021 9:33 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: Nov. 17 Asembly Meeting

I am writing to express my concern with the chief of police's testimony at the last assembly meeting. While the chief has every right to express his opinion as a citizen, it seems that much of what he stated directly affect his role as the lead law enforcement officer in the community. He blamed vaccinated individuals for passing on the virus to the unvaccinated and he criticized the recommendations of the health care professionals, I assume that Officer Kerr does not have the medical background to make these assertions. I interpreted his comments as both threatening in that he and other officers might seek work elsewhere if enforcement of a mandate was enacted, and also an abdication of his duties as it was implied that they would only enforce the regulations until they found another job. While I agreed with his opinion that fines are not a good idea at this time and enforcement would likely be problematic, it makes me uncomfortable that the Police Chief might decide which laws he and his staff would enforce and which they would not enforce. I, like everyone in this community, am tired of Covid. The division it has caused may take a long time to heal. However, the safety mandates, recommended overwhelmingly by the experts on community health and education, and enacted by an elected borough assembly, should be followed by all city leaders while in a professional capacity. To do otherwise sends a message to the community that laws and regulations are optional, based on one's feelings. Thank you for your for your time and service during these difficult times.

Dan Sullivan

Debra Thompson

From: USDA Forest Service <forestservice@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 5:51 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: USDA Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Repeal Update

Apologies, the previous version of this email had an error in the link to provide comments. The preferred method for submitting comments is: <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FS-2021-0007-0006>. The error is corrected below.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced it is taking steps to repeal the 2020 Alaska Roadless Rule and restore protections to more than nine million acres of inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest. The Alaska Roadless Rule, approved on Oct. 29, 2020, exempted the Tongass from the 2001 Roadless Rule, which prohibited road construction, reconstruction and timber harvest in inventoried roadless areas – with limited exceptions.

A proposed rule repealing the 2020 rule has been published for public comment.

USDA determined that the underlying goals and purposes of the 2001 Roadless Rule continue to be a critical part of conserving the resources of the Tongass, especially when it comes to the values that roadless areas represent for local communities, Alaska Natives and the economy of Southeast Alaska. The decision to repeal the 2020 Alaska Roadless Rule is based on the multiple ecologic, social, cultural and economic values supported by roadless areas on the Tongass. More than 95% of commenters opposed exempting the Tongass from the 2001 Roadless Rule during the public comment periods leading up to the 2020 Alaska Roadless Rule.

“Restoring the Tongass’ roadless protections supports the advancement of economic, ecologic and cultural sustainability in Southeast Alaska in a manner that is guided by local voices,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “The proposed rule is considerate of Alaska’s Tribal Nations, community input, and builds on the region’s economic drivers of tourism and fishing.”

A 60-day comment period begins Nov. 23, 2021 with the publication of a proposal to repeal the 2020 Alaska Roadless Rule. Comments can be submitted in the following ways:

- **Preferred:** Submit electronically using the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FS-2021-0007-0006>
- Mail to: Alaska Roadless Rule, USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 21628, Juneau, Alaska 99802–1628
- Hand Delivery / Courier to: Alaska Roadless Rule, USDA Forest Service, 709 W. 9th Street, Juneau, Alaska 99802
- Email: fs.akrdlessrule@usda.gov

Comments are encouraged on the proposed rule. Comments, including names and addresses, are placed in the official record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at www.regulations.gov.

At 16.7 million acres, the Tongass National Forest is the largest national forest in the country and represents the largest intact tract of coastal temperate rainforest on earth. The forest is within the traditional homelands of the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples, holds more biomass per acre than any other rainforest in the world and stores more carbon than any other national forest.

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Debra Thompson

From: John Murgas <johnmurgas@aptalaska.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 10:01 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: US Postal Service

Assembly Member Dave Kensinger's comments about Post Office service problems and long and crowded wait lines are on target. There is no doubt this is a high potential for community Covid spread.

A single polite letter from the Borough to US Postal Service hierarchy complaining of the chronic Petersburg service disruptions will likely be unproductive. Same with our Congressional delegation. Is that correspondence reflecting the true severity and unusual impacts to our community? The Borough could be more helpful such as by direct mail to its residents, or advertising, public service announcements, social media, etc. by encouraging its residents to join the Borough with complaints directly to our 3 Congressional delegates. Complaints should be respectful, but get the point across "...if you want my vote and support you need to step in and help..." With upcoming elections, a few dozen such letters from Petersburg voters will get a fast, productive response.

Thank you for your service in these challenging times,

John Murgas

Debra Thompson

From: Rebecca Knight <bknight15@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 7:55 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: Request for followup to AK Delegation re. "Alaska Natives Without Land"

Hello Mayor and Assembly Members,

On Nov. 19, 2021 Senators Murkowski & Sullivan introduced their [latest version](#) of the "Landless" legislation S. 3269, along with [maps](#). The bill was [referred](#) to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources (SENR) Committee but as of today no hearing has been scheduled in the SENR, but could happen at any time.

In short, the legislation would privatize 115,200 acres of Tongass public lands for the purposes of forming five new Native corporations, or 23,040 acres each. It is precedent-setting legislation for all of Alaska, not just Southeast.

I request that you please include an action item on the next Assembly meeting agenda to communicate as soon as possible with the Alaska Delegation and SENR regarding the Borough's unresolved concerns about the bill.

On Nov. 18, 2020 the Borough sent Senator Murkowski, as Chair of the SENR Committee at the time, a letter raising many concerns about the proposed legislation. The Borough Assembly also previously sent her a list of questions regarding the impacts of the bill to the Borough. To my knowledge there has been no reply, however a response was received from the bill supporters—Alaska Natives Without Land. Their answers were largely vague and incomplete. I addressed a few examples of their insufficient answers in my [testimony](#) to you on June 7, 2021. Eric Lee also made compelling points to consider just following my testimony.

Unless I misunderstand, many of those concerns and questions remain outstanding. Minor adjustments like removing two Portage Bay Forest Service cabins from inclusion in the current bill are only minor improvements. They were likely included in earlier versions as future trading fodder.

I have previously provided historical testimony on similar versions of the bill by officials from the Department of the Interior, Department of Agriculture, a letter from the authors of the ISER report to KFSK regarding erroneous reporting, and other information. They are very helpful in understanding the issue from a historical perspective, some as recent as 2015. I can supply those docs again if you wish. They are brief and to the point.

According to the June 10, 2021 Petersburg Pilot, [Assembly, public weigh in on landless legislation](#) :
 "An action item to establish a position on the Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation Act went before the Borough Assembly at their meeting on Monday. The assembly decided to postpone taking a position until the final version of the legislation was presented to the Senate."

I request that the Petersburg Borough Assembly please communicate from an informed position on this "final version," to the Delegation and SENR Committee as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Rebecca (Becky) Knight

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Petersburg Borough Assembly
 Mayor Mark Jensen
 Vice Mayor Jeigh Stanton Gregor
 Member Bob Lynn
 Member David Kensinger
 Member Thomas-Fine Walsh
 Member Chelsea Tremblay
 Member Jeff Meucci

RE: Childcare Relief Funding Due To Recent COVID-19 Spike

Dear Assembly Members,

I am writing today on behalf of Good Beginnings Preschool, Kinder Skog Nature Program and on behalf of childcare facilities who have worked tirelessly to provide stable, safe, and enriching learning environments for the youth of Petersburg.

On November 2nd, 2021, we were notified of numerous COVID-19 positive cases and close contacts erupting from a fellow childcare facility. The Good Beginnings and Kinder Skog board acted quickly to try to reduce the potential spread of this dangerous virus by voting to close the preschool program. Kinder Skog remained open because staff felt confident with the outdoor aspect of the program and enhanced mitigation efforts, we could reasonably maintain the safety of children and staff within the program. Since November 2nd we have had participants of Good Beginnings and Kinder Skog with close contact status miss a total of 65 of their enrolled days, we have had 47 absences due to families honoring our mitigation plan and we have experienced seven Good Beginnings Preschool closure days.

As a director I feel confident my operating board made the proper decision in closing the preschool program and I am grateful to our enrolled families for respecting our mitigation plan and keeping children home when needed, however all these missed days also means a huge loss in revenue in the amount of \$3,849.79 for Good Beginnings and \$1,410.00 for Kinder Skog for the month of November. Childcare programs throughout the nation are already walking a tightrope in trying to maintain quality programming, retaining professional staff, while supporting families and childcare programs in Petersburg are no exception to that. The November COVID-19 outbreak has a severe financial impact on the programs I direct.

Good Beginnings and Kinder Skog staff have worked diligently to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 and we are proud to say that there have been no reports of positive cases originating from either program or spreading through our programs. We are still very dependent upon the actions of other childcare centers and community organizations to remain operational and now our families and staff are feeling the brunt of the consequences for choices beyond their control. I respectfully ask the Petersburg Borough Assembly to delegate COVID-19 related funds to stabilize childcare centers in Petersburg. Funding would allow complete refunds for closures/services not rendered, allow staff to be paid during the closure times, and reimburse families for doing their part to slow the spread by honoring mitigation plans. This

request is very much a temporary solution to a chronic issue that lies within childcare programs. Funded childcare programs are essential to the local economy and the wellness of children and families.

I appreciate you taking the time to consider this request and would gladly discuss the childcare crisis with any Assembly members and have conversation about efforts already taking place to assess and support childcare in Petersburg as well as the efforts I am taking at the programs I direct to support staff and families. Thank you for your time and your service to our community.

With Respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie Holmlund". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

Katie Holmlund
Good Beginnings & Kinder Skog
Director

COVID-19 Related Absences/Closure Lost Revenue Report for November 1st - November 24th 2021

Program	Class Enrollment per day	Nov. Daily Rate	absences due to honoring mitigation plan	absences due to close contact status	Total Program Closures	Cost Total Program Closures	TOTAL LOST REVENUE
Good Beginnings PreK class	13	\$ 25.00	15	16	3	\$ 975.00	\$ 1,750.00
Good Beginnings 3K/4K class	14	\$ 33.33	2	5	4	\$ 1,866.48	\$ 2,099.79
Kinder Skog Kindergartener	Varies per day, no more than 26/day	\$ 30.00	11	8	0	\$ -	\$ 570.00
Kinder Skog grades 1-5	Varies per day, no more than 26/day	\$ 15.00	19	37	0	\$ -	\$ 840.00
GOOD BEGINNINGS							\$ 3,849.79
TOTAL LOST REVENUE							\$ 1,410.00
KINDER SKOG TOTAL LOST REVENUE							\$ 5,259.79



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The mission of the Petersburg Children's Center is to promote the healthy development of children and families in Petersburg by offering dependable, high-quality child care and by actively working toward the positive growth and development of all children in the community.

11/29/2021

Petersburg Assembly
 c/o Petersburg Borough

COVID-19 Outbreak in town

As you know the Petersburg Children's Center is a nonprofit childcare facility in Petersburg Alaska. We care for children from 6 weeks in age to 12 years old. We are open from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm year-round, while only closing for major holidays and having four early closure days in a calendar year for our staff development. Children in our care are also fed breakfast, lunch, and snack. We recently were affected by the outbreak in town. As a result we closed our center for a total of 6 business days. This closure greatly affected our families in our care and even more so our staff.

While childcare is an essential business for a thriving economy it is often overlooked in terms of competitive wages and revenue in general. One thing we know for sure is that childcare is expensive, we understand this and strive to keep our expenses low so we can keep our rates low. Currently we charge the lowest amount that the state is advising we charge as a result our wages are reflected. Also due to the physical nature of childcare our staff were adversely affected by our closure.

Currently we would greatly benefit from getting the cost of our closure \$5072.57 returned to us. We are currently seeking some funding from the ARPA funding that is being offered to nonprofits. However, with the ever-changing regulations, and nature of this global pandemic and the already razor thin margins from a nonprofit childcare facility funding that is awarded to our childcare facility is greatly appreciated and will be used in the best way possible. Any funding that is awarded to the Petersburg Children's Center will be used to ensure our continued quality childcare for the children of our community.

Thank you for your considerations. I would also ask that in the future the borough assembly consider a more structured childcare specific funding, as this is a constant need of childcare facilities in our town. Juneau has a wonderful example of their funding.

Thank you!
 Sharlay Mamoe

**Petersburg Borough, Alaska
RESOLUTION #2021-XX**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE US POSTAL SERVICE PROVIDE HOME MAIL DELIVERY IN PETERSBURG, ALASKA

WHEREAS, the US Postal Service in Petersburg provides post office boxes for Borough residents with no home mail delivery option; and

WHEREAS, with a population of approximately 3,200, Petersburg is the largest community in Southeast Alaska without the option of home mail delivery; and

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Post Office has suffered from being short staffed for the last year and has severely reduced open hours for the counter for mailing and picking up packages; and

WHEREAS, the reduced open counter schedule is sporadic and changes from day to day, sometimes being from 1:00 to 5:00 and sometimes being less, making it hard for Petersburg residents to know what time to go to the Post Office on any given day; and

WHEREAS, the reduced hours are causing long lines to form to use the counter services and those waiting in the lines do so for anywhere from a few minutes to over an hour before their post office business is completed; and

WHEREAS, these long lines and waiting times are not conducive to stopping the spread of COVID as the Petersburg Post Office does not enforce the use of face coverings; and

WHEREAS, the extended wait time in these lines is extremely problematic to our local businesses, many of whom are short staffed due to COVID related issues, who need to receive their business inventory as well as mail outbound locally purchased goods; and

WHEREAS, many Petersburg residents who have daytime jobs have not been able to use the Post Office counter services on their lunch hour or after work; and

WHEREAS, many essential goods, such as medications, are delivered to Petersburg residents' post office boxes by the US Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, Petersburg is located on an island in Southeast Alaska so residents cannot drive to a Post Office in another community to use counter services; and

WHEREAS, the US Postal Service routinely hires subcontractors to perform rural route mail delivery in other communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Petersburg Borough Assembly hereby requests the US Postal Service provide the option of home mail delivery to Petersburg Borough residents to relieve the frustration of residents and businesses dealing with the reduced and ever changing counter schedule and the possibility of COVID spread in the community.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on

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Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

To provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Unrecognized South-
5 east Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Com-
6 pensation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to redress the omission
3 of the southeastern Alaska communities of Haines, Ketch-
4 ican, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell from eligibility
5 under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43
6 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) by authorizing the Alaska Natives
7 enrolled in the communities—

8 (1) to form Urban Corporations for the commu-
9 nities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee,
10 and Wrangell under the Alaska Native Claims Set-
11 tlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.); and

12 (2) to receive certain settlement land pursuant
13 to that Act.

14 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL NATIVE COR-**
15 **PORATIONS.**

16 Section 16 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement
17 Act (43 U.S.C. 1615) is amended by adding at the end
18 the following:

19 “(e) NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCHIKAN, PE-
20 TERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL, ALASKA.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Native residents of
22 each of the Native Villages of Haines, Ketchikan,
23 Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell, Alaska, may or-
24 ganize as Urban Corporations.

25 “(2) EFFECT ON ENTITLEMENT TO LAND.—
26 Nothing in this subsection affects any entitlement to

1 land of any Native Corporation established before
2 the date of enactment of this subsection pursuant to
3 this Act or any other provision of law.”.

4 **SEC. 4. SHAREHOLDER ELIGIBILITY.**

5 Section 8 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
6 (43 U.S.C. 1607) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “(d) NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCHIKAN,
9 PETERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall enroll
11 to each of the Urban Corporations for Haines,
12 Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell those
13 individual Natives who enrolled under this Act to the
14 Native Villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg,
15 Tenakee, or Wrangell, respectively.

16 “(2) NUMBER OF SHARES.—Each Native who
17 is enrolled to an Urban Corporation for Haines,
18 Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell pursu-
19 ant to paragraph (1) and who was enrolled as a
20 shareholder of the Regional Corporation for South-
21 east Alaska shall receive 100 shares of Settlement
22 Common Stock in the respective Urban Corporation.

23 “(3) NATIVES RECEIVING SHARES THROUGH IN-
24 HERITANCE.—If a Native received shares of stock in
25 the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska

1 through inheritance from a decedent Native who
 2 originally enrolled to the Native Village of Haines,
 3 Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell and
 4 the decedent Native was not a shareholder in a Vil-
 5 lage Corporation or Urban Corporation, the Native
 6 shall receive the identical number of shares of Settle-
 7 ment Common Stock in the Urban Corporation for
 8 Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or
 9 Wrangell as the number of shares inherited by that
 10 Native from the decedent Native who would have
 11 been eligible to be enrolled to the respective Urban
 12 Corporation.

13 “(4) EFFECT ON ENTITLEMENT TO LAND.—
 14 Nothing in this subsection affects entitlement to
 15 land of any Regional Corporation pursuant to sec-
 16 tion 12(b) or 14(h)(8).”.

17 **SEC. 5. DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS.**

18 Section 7 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
 19 (43 U.S.C. 1606) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (j)—

21 (A) in the third sentence, by striking “In
 22 the case” and inserting the following:

23 “(3) THIRTEENTH REGIONAL CORPORATION.—
 24 In the case”;

1 (B) in the second sentence, by striking
2 “Not less” and inserting the following:

3 “(2) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—Not less”;

4 (C) by striking “(j) During” and inserting
5 the following:

6 “(j) DISTRIBUTION OF CORPORATE FUNDS AND
7 OTHER NET INCOME.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—During”; and

9 (D) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(4) NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCH-
11 IKAN, PETERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL.—
12 Native members of the Native Villages of Haines,
13 Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell who
14 become shareholders in an Urban Corporation for
15 such a Native Village shall continue to be eligible to
16 receive distributions under this subsection as at-
17 large shareholders of the Regional Corporation for
18 Southeast Alaska.”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(s) EFFECT OF AMENDATORY ACT.—The Unrecog-
21 nized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition
22 and Compensation Act and the amendments made by that
23 Act shall not affect—

1 23,040 acres, as generally depicted on the
2 maps entitled ‘Haines Selections’, num-
3 bered 1 and 2, and dated November 18,
4 2021;

5 “(ii) to the Urban Corporation for
6 Ketchikan, the surface estate in 8 parcels
7 of Federal land comprising approximately
8 23,040 acres, as generally depicted on the
9 maps entitled ‘Ketchikan Selections’, num-
10 bered 1 through 4, and dated November
11 18, 2021;

12 “(iii) to the Urban Corporation for
13 Petersburg, the surface estate in 12 par-
14 cels of Federal land comprising approxi-
15 mately 23,040 acres, as generally depicted
16 on the maps entitled ‘Petersburg Selec-
17 tions’, numbered 1 through 3, and dated
18 November 18, 2021;

19 “(iv) to the Urban Corporation for
20 Tenakee, the surface estate in 14 parcels
21 of Federal land comprising approximately
22 23,040 acres, as generally depicted on the
23 maps entitled ‘Tenakee Selections’, num-
24 bered 1 through 3, and dated November
25 18, 2021; and

1 “(v) to the Urban Corporation for
 2 Wrangell, the surface estate in 13 parcels
 3 of Federal land comprising approximately
 4 23,040 acres, as generally depicted on the
 5 maps entitled ‘Wrangell Selections’, num-
 6 bered 1 through 5, and dated November
 7 18, 2021.

8 “(B) CONVEYANCES TO REGIONAL COR-
 9 PORATION FOR SOUTHEAST ALASKA.—Subject
 10 to valid existing rights, on the applicable date
 11 on which the surface estate in land is conveyed
 12 to an Urban Corporation under subparagraph
 13 (A), the Secretary shall convey to the Regional
 14 Corporation for Southeast Alaska the sub-
 15 surface estate for that land.

16 “(C) CONGRESSIONAL INTENT.—It is the
 17 intent of Congress that the Secretary convey
 18 the surface estates described in subparagraph
 19 (A) not later than the date that is 2 years after
 20 the applicable date of incorporation under sec-
 21 tion 16(e)(1) of an Urban Corporation.

22 “(2) WITHDRAWAL.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid exist-
 24 ing rights, the Federal land described in para-
 25 graph (1) is withdrawn from all forms of—

1 “(i) entry, appropriation, or disposal
2 under the public land laws;
3 “(ii) location, entry, and patent under
4 the mining laws;
5 “(iii) disposition under all laws per-
6 taining to mineral and geothermal leasing
7 or mineral materials; and
8 “(iv) selection under Public Law 85-
9 508 (commonly known as the ‘Alaska
10 Statehood Act’) (48 U.S.C. note prec. 21).
11 “(B) TERMINATION.—The withdrawal
12 under subparagraph (A) shall remain in effect
13 until the date on which the Federal land is con-
14 veyed under paragraph (1).
15 “(3) TREATMENT OF LAND CONVEYED.—Ex-
16 cept as otherwise provided in this section, any land
17 conveyed to an Urban Corporation under paragraph
18 (1)(A) shall be—
19 “(A) considered to be land conveyed by the
20 Secretary under section 14(h)(3); and
21 “(B) subject to all laws (including regula-
22 tions) applicable to entitlements under section
23 14(h)(3), including section 907(d) of the Alaska
24 National Interest Lands Conservation Act (43
25 U.S.C. 1636(d)).

1 “(4) PUBLIC EASEMENTS.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The conveyance and
3 patents for the land under paragraph (1)(A)
4 shall be subject to the reservation of public
5 easements under section 17(b).

6 “(B) TERMINATION.—No public easement
7 reserved on land conveyed under paragraph
8 (1)(A) shall be terminated by the Secretary
9 without publication of notice of the proposed
10 termination in the Federal Register.

11 “(C) RESERVATION OF EASEMENTS.—In
12 the conveyance and patents for the land under
13 paragraph (1)(A), the Secretary shall reserve
14 the right of the Secretary to amend the convey-
15 ance and patents to include reservations of pub-
16 lic easements under section 17(b) until the com-
17 pletion of the easement reservation process.

18 “(D) STATE OF ALASKA EASEMENTS.—
19 Nothing in this Act modifies, changes, or termi-
20 nates the rights-of-way granted to the State
21 under—

22 “(i) section 4407 of the SAFETEA-
23 LU (Public Law 109–59; 119 Stat. 1777);
24 or

1 “(ii) the 2006 memorandum of under-
 2 standing between the State and the Forest
 3 Service to implement that section.

4 “(5) HUNTING, FISHING, RECREATION, AND AC-
 5 CESS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any land conveyed
 7 under paragraph (1)(A), including access to the
 8 land through roadways, trails, and forest roads,
 9 shall remain open and available to subsistence
 10 uses, noncommercial recreational hunting and
 11 fishing, and other noncommercial recreational
 12 uses by the public under applicable law—

13 “(i) without liability on the part of the
 14 Urban Corporation, except for willful acts
 15 of the Urban Corporation, to any user as
 16 a result of the use; and

17 “(ii) subject to—

18 “(I) any reasonable restrictions
 19 that may be imposed by the Urban
 20 Corporation on the public use—

21 “(aa) to ensure public safe-
 22 ty;

23 “(bb) to minimize conflicts
 24 between recreational and com-
 25 mercial uses;

1 “(cc) to protect cultural re-
2 sources;

3 “(dd) to conduct scientific
4 research; or

5 “(ee) to provide environ-
6 mental protection; and

7 “(II) the condition that the
8 Urban Corporation post on any appli-
9 cable property, in accordance with
10 State law, notices of the restrictions
11 on use.

12 “(B) EFFECT.—Access provided to any in-
13 dividual or entity under subparagraph (A) shall
14 not—

15 “(i) create an interest in any third
16 party in the land conveyed under para-
17 graph (1)(A); or

18 “(ii) provide standing to any third
19 party in any review of, or challenge to, any
20 determination by the Urban Corporation
21 with respect to the management or devel-
22 opment of the land conveyed under para-
23 graph (1)(A), except as against the Urban
24 Corporation for the management of public
25 access under subparagraph (A).

1 “(6) MISCELLANEOUS.—

2 “(A) SPECIAL USE AUTHORIZATIONS.—

3 “(i) IN GENERAL.—On the conveyance
4 of land to an Urban Corporation under
5 paragraph (1)(A)—

6 “(I) any guiding or outfitting
7 special use authorization issued by the
8 Forest Service for the use of the con-
9 veyed land shall terminate; and

10 “(II) as a condition of the con-
11 veyance and consistent with section
12 14(g), the Urban Corporation shall
13 issue the holder of the special use au-
14 thorization terminated under sub-
15 clause (I) an authorization to continue
16 the authorized use, subject to the
17 terms and conditions that were in the
18 special use authorization issued by the
19 Forest Service, for—

20 “(aa) the remainder of the
21 term of the authorization; and

22 “(bb) 1 additional consecu-
23 tive 10-year renewal period.

24 “(ii) NOTICE OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVI-
25 TIES.—The Urban Corporation, and any

1 holder of a guiding or outfitting authoriza-
 2 tion under this subparagraph, shall have a
 3 mutual obligation, subject to the guiding
 4 or outfitting authorization, to inform the
 5 other party of any commercial activities
 6 prior to engaging in the activities on the
 7 land conveyed to the Urban Corporation
 8 under paragraph (1)(A).

9 “(iii) NEGOTIATION OF NEW
 10 TERMS.—Nothing in this paragraph pre-
 11 cludes the Urban Corporation and the
 12 holder of a guiding or outfitting authoriza-
 13 tion from negotiating a new mutually
 14 agreeable guiding or outfitting authoriza-
 15 tion.

16 “(iv) LIABILITY.—Neither the Urban
 17 Corporation nor the United States shall
 18 bear any liability, except for willful acts of
 19 the Urban Corporation or the United
 20 States, regarding the use and occupancy of
 21 any land conveyed to the Urban Corpora-
 22 tion under paragraph (1)(A), as provided
 23 in any outfitting or guiding authorization
 24 under this paragraph.

25 “(B) ROADS AND FACILITIES.—

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“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall negotiate in good faith with the Urban Corporation to develop a binding agreement for—

“(I) the use of National Forest System roads and related transportation facilities by the Urban Corporation; and

“(II) the use of the roads and related transportation facilities of the Urban Corporation by the Forest Service and designees of the Forest Service.

“(ii) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The binding agreement under clause (i)—

“(I) shall provide that the State (including entities and designees of the State) shall be authorized to use the roads and related transportation facilities of the Urban Corporation on substantially similar terms as are provided by the Urban Corporation to the Forest Service;

“(II) shall include restrictions on, and fees for, the use of the National

1 Forest System roads and related
 2 transportation facilities in existence as
 3 of the date of enactment of this sec-
 4 tion, as necessary, that are reasonable
 5 and comparable to the restrictions
 6 and fees imposed by the Forest Serv-
 7 ice for the use of the roads and re-
 8 lated transportation facilities; and

9 “(III) shall not restrict or limit
 10 any access to the roads and related
 11 transportation facilities of the Urban
 12 Corporation or the Forest Service that
 13 may be otherwise provided by valid ex-
 14 isting rights and agreements in exist-
 15 ence as of the date of enactment of
 16 this section.

17 “(iii) INTENT OF CONGRESS.—It is
 18 the intent of Congress that the agreement
 19 under clause (i) shall be entered into as
 20 soon as practicable after the date of enact-
 21 ment of this section and in any case by not
 22 later than 1 year after the date of incorpo-
 23 ration of the Urban Corporation.

24 “(iv) CONTINUED ACCESS.—Begin-
 25 ning on the date on which the land is con-

1 veyed to the Urban Corporation under
 2 paragraph (1)(A) and ending on the effec-
 3 tive date of a binding agreement entered
 4 into under clause (i), the Urban Corpora-
 5 tion shall provide and allow administrative
 6 access to roads and related transportation
 7 facilities on the land under substantially
 8 similar terms as are provided by the For-
 9 est Service as of the date of enactment of
 10 this section.

11 “(C) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this
 13 section delays the duty of the Secretary to
 14 convey land to—

15 “(I) the State under Public Law
 16 85–508 (commonly known as the
 17 ‘Alaska Statehood Act’) (48 U.S.C.
 18 note prec. 21); or

19 “(II) a Native Corporation
 20 under—

21 “(aa) this Act; or

22 “(bb) the Alaska Land
 23 Transfer Acceleration Act (43
 24 U.S.C. 1611 note; Public Law
 25 108–452).

1 “(ii) STATEHOOD ENTITLEMENT.—

2 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Statehood se-
3 lections under Public Law 85–508
4 (commonly known as the ‘Alaska
5 Statehood Act’) (48 U.S.C. note prec.
6 21) are not displaced by the parcels of
7 land described in clauses (i) through
8 (v) of paragraph (1)(A).

9 “(II) BOUNDARY ADJUST-
10 MENTS.—In the event of a dispute be-
11 tween an area selected as a Statehood
12 selection and a parcel of land referred
13 to in subclause (I), the Secretary shall
14 work with the Urban Corporation and
15 the State in good faith to adjust the
16 boundary of the parcel to exclude any
17 area selected as a Statehood selection.

18 “(iii) CONVEYANCES.—The Secretary
19 shall promptly proceed with the conveyance
20 of all land necessary to fulfill the final en-
21 titlement of all Native Corporations in ac-
22 cordance with—

23 “(I) this Act; and

1 “(II) the Alaska Land Transfer
 2 Acceleration Act (43 U.S.C. 1611
 3 note; Public Law 108–452).

4 “(iv) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing
 5 in this section enlarges or diminishes the
 6 responsibility and authority of the State
 7 with respect to the management of fish
 8 and wildlife on public land in the State.

9 “(D) MAPS.—

10 “(i) AVAILABILITY.—Each map re-
 11 ferred to in paragraph (1)(A) shall be
 12 available in the appropriate offices of the
 13 Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture.

14 “(ii) CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary,
 15 in consultation with the Secretary of Agri-
 16 culture, may make any necessary correc-
 17 tion to a clerical or typographical error in
 18 a map referred to in paragraph (1)(A).

19 “(c) CONVEYANCE OF ROADS, TRAILS, LOG TRANS-
 20 FER FACILITIES, LEASES, AND APPURTENANCES.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, without
 22 consideration or compensation, shall convey to each
 23 Urban Corporation, by quitclaim deed or patent, all
 24 right, title, and interest of the United States in all
 25 roads, trails, log transfer facilities, leases, and ap-

1 purtenances on or related to the land conveyed to
2 the Urban Corporation under subsection (b)(1)(A).

3 “(2) CONDITIONS.—The conveyance under
4 paragraph (1) shall be subject to—

5 “(A) section 14(g); and

6 “(B) all valid existing rights, including any
7 reciprocal rights-of-way, easements, or agree-
8 ments for the use of the roads, trails, log trans-
9 fer facilities, leases, and appurtenances con-
10 veyed under paragraph (1).

11 “(3) CONTINUATION OF AGREEMENTS.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—On or before the date
13 on which land is conveyed to an Urban Cor-
14 poration under subsection (b)(1)(A), the Sec-
15 retary shall provide to the Urban Corporation
16 notice of all reciprocal rights-of-way, easements,
17 and agreements for use of the roads, trails, log
18 transfer facilities, leases, and appurtenances on
19 or related to the land in existence as of the date
20 of enactment of this section.

21 “(B) REQUIREMENT.—In accordance with
22 section 14(g), any right-of-way, easement, or
23 agreement described in subparagraph (A) shall
24 continue unless the right-of-way, easement, or
25 agreement—

1 “(i) expires under its own terms; or

2 “(ii) is mutually renegotiated.

3 “(d) SETTLEMENT TRUST.—

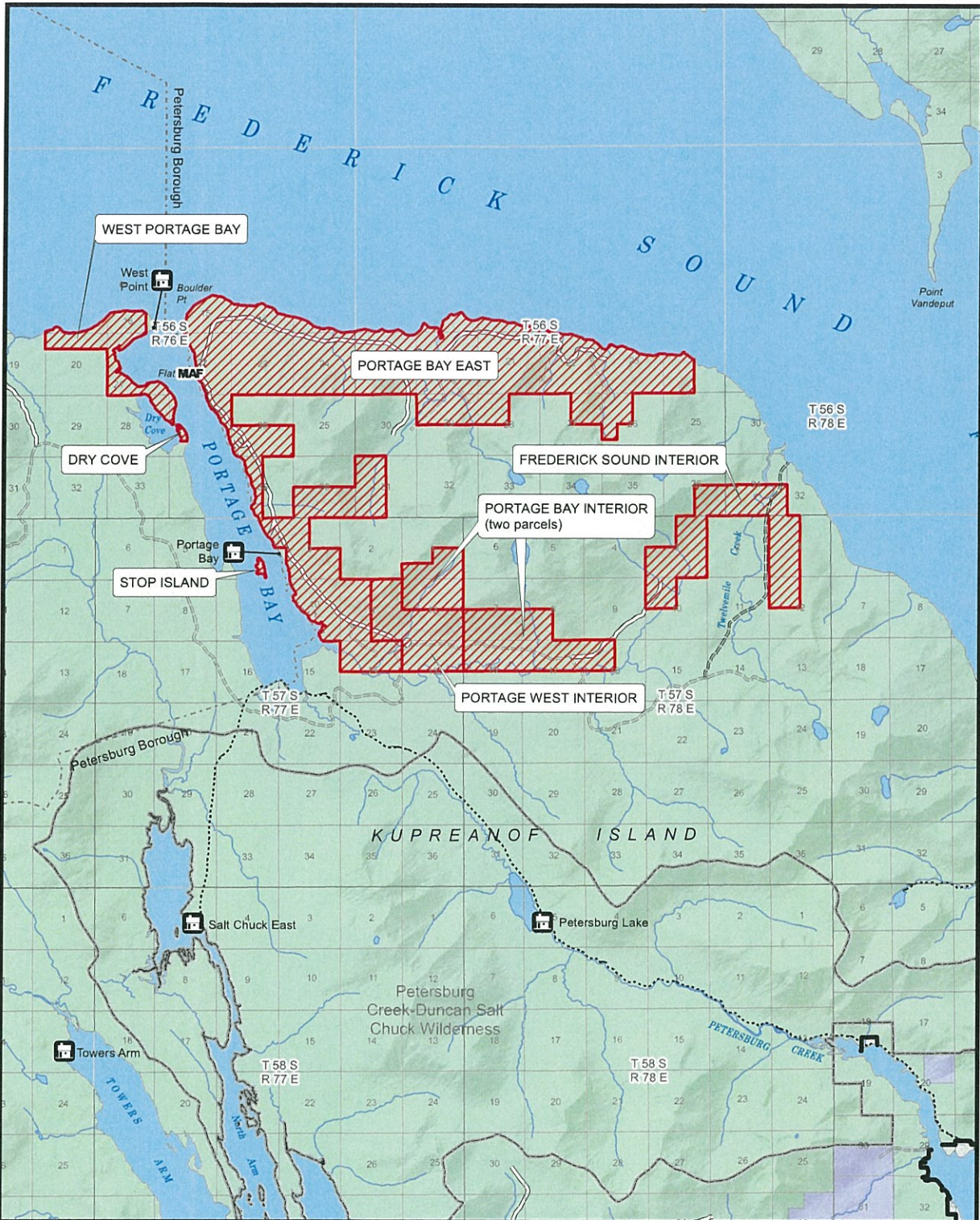
4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each Urban Corporation
5 may establish a settlement trust in accordance with
6 section 39 for the purposes of promoting the health,
7 education, and welfare of the trust beneficiaries, and
8 preserving the Native heritage and culture, of the
9 community of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg,
10 Tenakee, or Wrangell, as applicable.

11 “(2) PROCEEDS AND INCOME.—The proceeds
12 and income from the principal of a trust established
13 under paragraph (1) shall—

14 “(A) first be applied to the support of
15 those enrollees, and the descendants of the en-
16 rollees, who are elders or minor children; and

17 “(B) thereafter to the support of all other
18 enrollees.

19 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
20 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary
21 \$12,500,000, to be used by the Secretary to provide 5
22 grants in the amount of \$2,500,000 each, to be used only
23 for activities that support the implementation of this sec-
24 tion, including planning and development.”.



	Proposed Selections		U.S. Forest Service
			Native Corporation
			State of Alaska
			Other
			Tongass N.F. Proclaimed Boundary
			Ranger District Boundary
			Federally Designated Wilderness
			City & Borough Boundary
			Marine Access Facility
			Highway
			Other Road

	U.S. Forest Service
	Camping Area/Site
	Campground
	Picnic Site
	Interpretive Site
	Rental Cabin
	Shelter
	Wildlife Viewing Site
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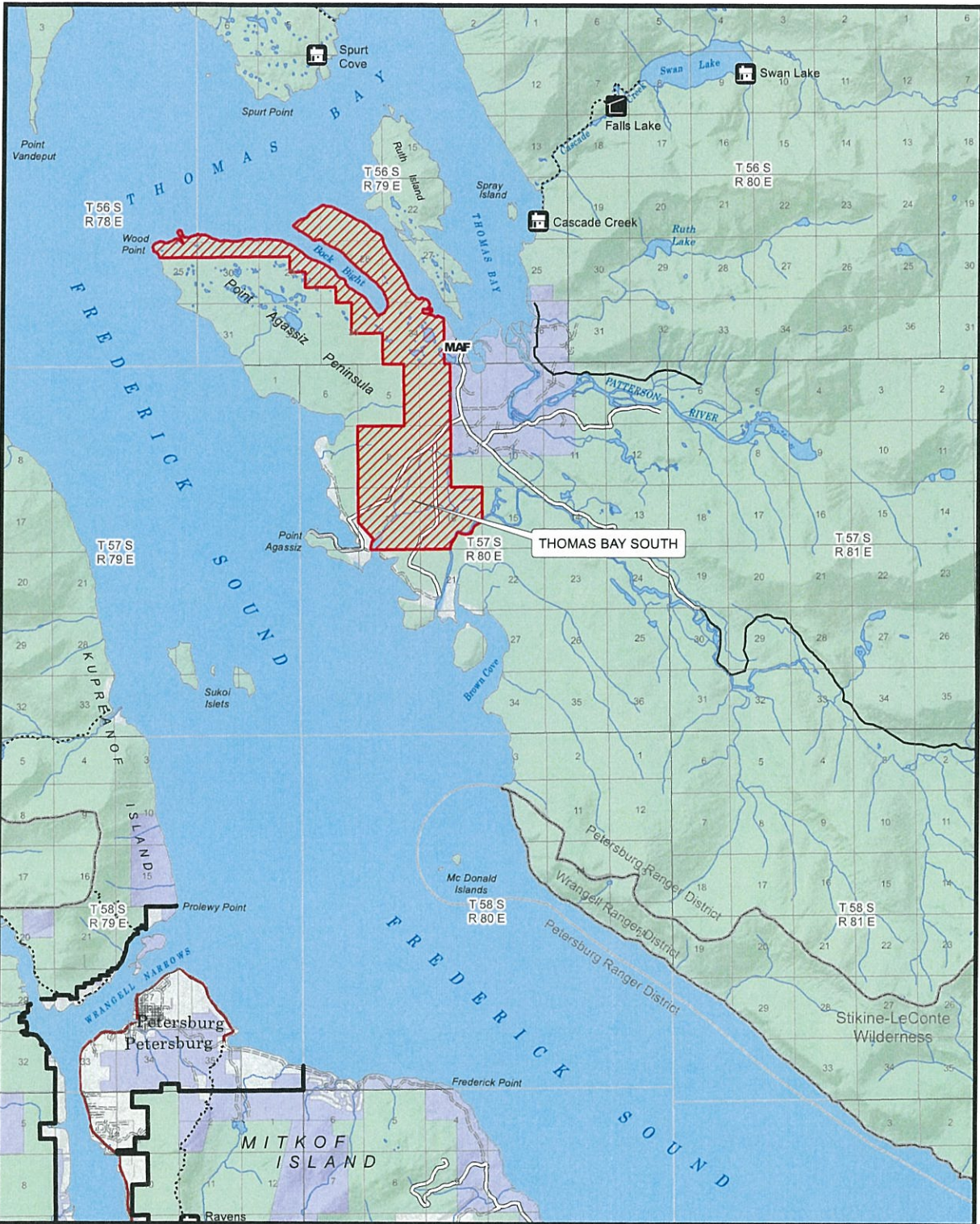
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Proposed Selection	Acres	Public Land Survey System
Portage_Bay_East	9,092	Copper River Meridian
Frederick_Sound_Interior	1,600	
Portage_Bay_Interior	1,807	
West_Portage_Bay	685	
Portage_West_Interior	960	
Dry_Cove	17	
Stop_Island	17	
Total Acres	14,178	

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| | Proposed Selections | | U.S. Forest Service | | Camping Area/Site |
| | Native Corporation | | State of Alaska | | Campground |
| | Other | | Tongass N.F. Proclaimed Boundary | | Picnic Site |
| | Ranger District Boundary | | Federally Designated Wilderness | | Interpretive Site |
| | City & Borough Boundary | | City & Borough Boundary | | Rental Cabin |
| | Marine Access Facility | | Highway | | Shelter |
| | Highway | | Other Road | | Wildlife Viewing Site |
| | Other Road | | | | Open Road |
| | | | | | Off-Highway Vehicle Trail |
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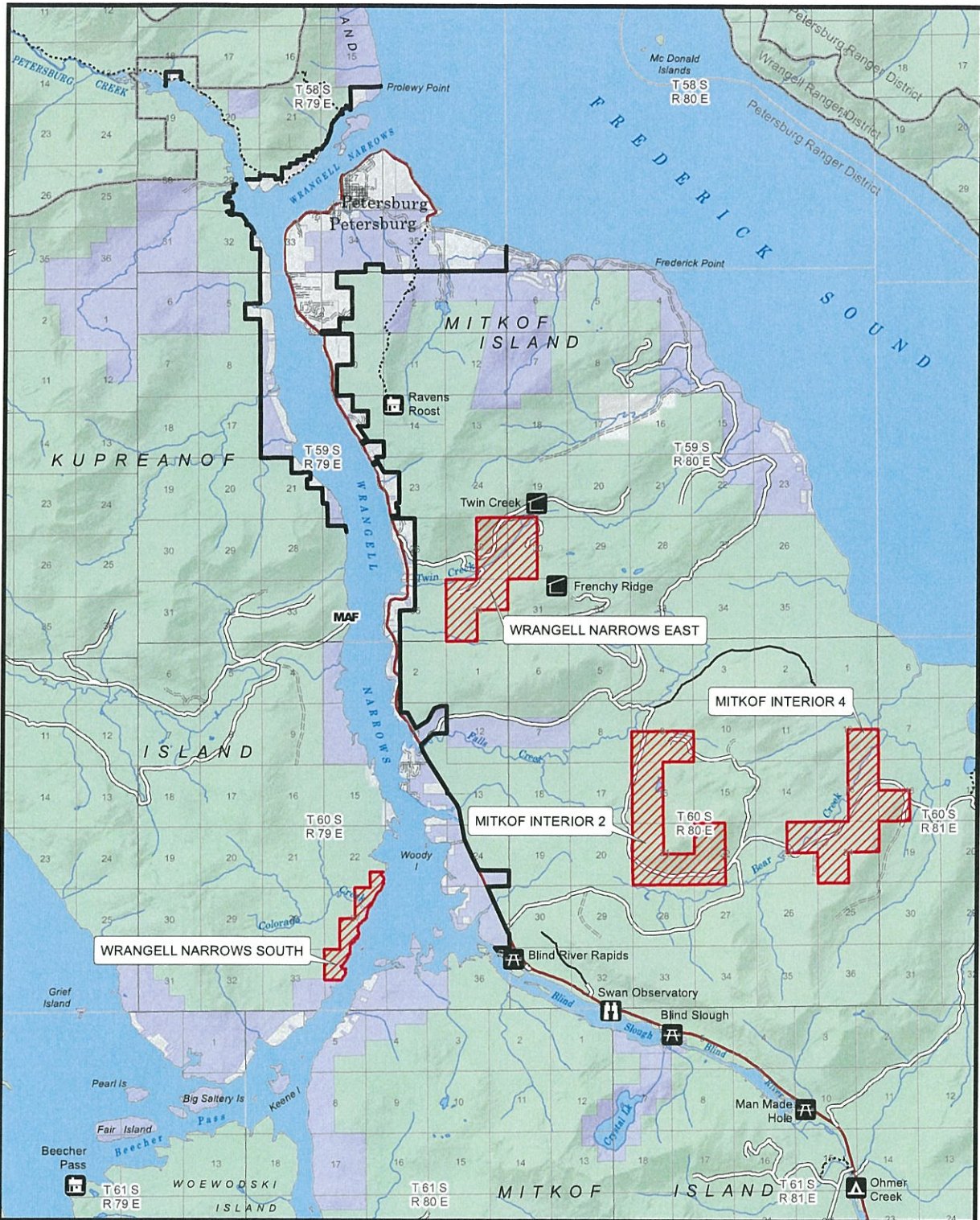
Proposed Selection	Acres	Public Land Survey System
Thomas_Bay_South	4,709	Copper River Meridian

Total Acres: 4,709

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	Proposed Selections		U.S. Forest Service		Camping Area/Site
	Native Corporation		State of Alaska		Campground
	Other		Tongass N.F. Proclaimed Boundary		Picnic Site
	Ranger District Boundary		Federally Designated Wilderness		Interpretive Site
	City & Borough Boundary		MAF		Rental Cabin
	Marine Access Facility				Shelter
	Highway				Wildlife Viewing Site
	Other Road				Open Road
					Off-Highway Vehicle Trail
					Hiking Trail

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Proposed Selection	Acres	Public Land Survey System
Wrangell_Narrows_East	1,109	Copper River Meridian
Mitkof_Interior_4	1,280	
Mitkof_Interior_2	1,440	
Wrangell_Narrows_South	325	

Total Acres: 4,154

Scale: 0 to 4 Miles

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