



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Agenda Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

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Wednesday, November 17, 2021

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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Topic: November 17, 2021 Assembly Meeting

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Note: This meeting was rescheduled from Monday, November 15, 2021.

1. **Call To Order/Roll Call**
2. **Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - A. **Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes of:**
    - October 19, 2021
    - November 1, 2021
  - Special Assembly Meeting Minutes of:**
    - November 5, 2021
4. **Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda**
5. **Public Hearings**
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**

**11. Report of Other Officers**

**A. Redistricting Update**

Assembly Member Tremblay will provide an update on redistricting for Petersburg.

**12. Mayor's Report**

**A. November 15, 2021 Mayor's Report**

**13. Manager's Report**

**A. November 15, 2021 Manager's Report**

**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**

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.

**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**

Ordinance #2021-20, if adopted in its one and only reading, will amend Emergency Ordinance #2021-19 to include communal spaces shared with other individuals not from one's household; to require that businesses and building owners deny admittance to any individual who fails to comply with the Emergency Ordinance; and to provide for fines for any person and/or business, employer, or building owner or lessee who violate the Emergency Ordinance.

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

Public Works Director Cotta recommends approval of Change Order #2. The changes to the project are directly related to fire damage or the fire codes covering the rehabilitated structure and are mostly covered by insurance.

**D. Borough Guidance on Volunteer Projects**

Assembly Member Lynn requested Manager Giesbrecht draft some guidance and standards for Volunteer Projects.

**16. Communications**

**A. Correspondence Received Since October 28, 2021**

**17. Assembly Discussion Items**

**A. Assembly Member Comments**

**B. Recognitions**

**18. Adjourn**



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## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

### 1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

#### 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  
Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh

### 2. Oath of Office

#### A. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh

Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh took the Oath of Office.

### 3. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

#### A. October 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

#### B. October 8, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

All minutes were approved as submitted.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, 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, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

## 5. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to add to Assembly Discussion Item 18 - House Poverty and Economic Task Force.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, 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, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

## 6. Public Hearings

### A. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2021-15

Dana Thynes, Michelle Pfundt, Michael Truex and Russ Thynes shared concerns regarding Ordinance # 2021-15, which updates Code Chapter 9.04 entitled "Disease Control".

### B. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2021-17

No testimony was given.

## 7. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

## 8. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Michelle Pfundt shared her concerns regarding Ordinance #2021-15, which updates Code Chapter 9.04 entitled "Disease Control".

Frederick Olson Jr, Executive Director of the SE Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission, spoke about the importance of Resolution 2021-11.

Brian Lynch discussed the effects of mining in Canada.

Breanna Walker discussed the effects of mining in Canada.

Sally Dwyer spoke about the new deck project at Mountain View Manor and in support of Resolution #2021-12.

Jill Weitz, Director of Salmon Beyond Borders, spoke in support of Resolution #2021-11.

## 9. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

No views were shared.

## 10. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

**11. Consent Agenda**

**A. THE 420 Marijuana Establishment License Renewal Application**

THE 420 has applied with the Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office for a retail marijuana establishment license renewal. The Assembly unanimously supported the application.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, 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, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

**B. SEA\*WEED FARMS Marijuana Cultivation Facility License Renewal Application**

SEA\*WEED FARMS has applied with the Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office for a marijuana cultivation facility license renewal. The Assembly unanimously supported the application.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, 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, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

**12. Report of Other Officers**

**A. SEAPA Update**

Assembly Member Lynn provided an update on SEAPA activities.

**B. Sea Otter Working Group Update**

Assembly Member Meucci provided a report to the Assembly on the Sea Otter Working Group.

**13. Mayor's Report**

**A. October 19, 2021 Mayor's Report**

Mayor Jensen read the Mayor's report into the record. Mayor Jensen noted that he will not be at the November 1st Assembly meeting and that Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor will be presiding. The Mayor asked the Clerk to advertise for the open seat on the SEAPA board.

## 14. Manager's Report

### A. October 19, 2021 Manager's Report

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

## 15. Unfinished Business

### A. Ordinance #2021-15: An Ordinance Updating Chapter 9.04 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Disease Control", to Update Language and Reflect Borough Incorporation

In the second reading of Ordinance #2021-15, the Assembly unanimously approved the following amendments.

**Amendment 1:** Add the word "any" in section 9.04.020 so it now reads, "Screening of any person coming into the borough..." Add the word "any" to subsection A to read, "any persons entering the borough."

**Amendment 2:** Section 9.04.030: Replace the words "make such" with the word "provide" to now read, "The health officer shall provide reports to the borough assembly."

**Amendment 3:** Section 9.04.040. Add the sentence, "The health officer shall ensure that due process is provided to any person who is the subject of a health directive which orders the involuntary quarantine of that person, including reasonable notice of the directive, delivery of the evidence supporting the directive, and an opportunity to be heard in objection to the directive."

A motion was made by Assembly Member Meucci to approve Ordinance #2021-15 as amended. 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, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

### B. Ordinance #2021-17: An Ordinance Updating Various Provisions of Chapter 14.12 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Sanitation"

Ordinance #2021-17 was adopted in its second reading by a vote of 7-0.

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, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

## 16. New Business

### A. Resolution #2021-11: A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough Assembly in Support of a Permanent Ban on Tailings Dams and for a Temporary Pause in the Permitting, Exploration, Development, and Expansion of Canadian Mines Along

**Alaska-British Columbia Transboundary Salmon Rivers Until the United States-Canada Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples are Upheld and an International Agreement on Watershed Protections is Implemented**

Resolution #2021-11 was adopted by a vote of 5-2.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Lynn, Mayor Jensen

**B. Resolution #2021-12: A Resolution Approving the Expenditure of up to \$25,000 from the American Rescue Plan Special Revenue Fund for Petersburg Mountain View Manor Assisted Living Capital Outlay in Response to the Continuing COVID-19 Health Emergency**

A motion to amend Resolution #2021-12 was amended to change the dollar amount from \$25,000 to \$20,000. The Assembly unanimously approved the Resolution as amended.

Motion made by Assembly Member Kensinger to approve Resolution #2021-12 as amended, Seconded by Assembly Member Stanton Gregor.

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

**C. Resolution #2021-13: A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough Applying & Accepting COVID Grant Funding from the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, for COVID Testing and Vaccine Administration Costs Incurred by the Petersburg Medical Center with the Petersburg Borough Acting as a Pass Through**

Resolution #2021-13 was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

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, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

**D. 2021/22 Assembly Appointments**

Mayor Jensen appointed the following Assembly Members as representatives or liaisons to the following Boards and Committees for 2021/2022 with unanimous Assembly consent.



Southeast Conference Representatives - Mayor Mark Jensen (voting member) and Assembly Member David Kensinger.

Alaska Municipal League Representative - Mayor Mark Jensen and Assembly Member Lynn

Liaison to Harbors and Ports Advisory Board - Assembly Member Meucci

Liaison to Hospital Board - Assembly Member Lynn

Liaison to Public Safety Advisory Board - Assembly Member Meucci

Elected Official to Local Emergency Planning Committee - Assembly Member Meucci

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor was appointed as Vice Mayor.

**E. Work Session with the City of Kupreanof Council**

A motion to set up a work session with the City of Kupreanof Council failed by a vote of 3-4.

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

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Lynn, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

**F. Work Session with the School Board**

A motion to hold a work session with the School Board passed by a vote of 5-2.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Lynn, Mayor Jensen

**G. Work Session with the Hospital Board**

A motion was made to hold a work session with the Hospital Board. Motion failed 0-7.

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

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

**17. Communications**

**A. Communications Received Since September 30, 2021**

- J Thompson 10.03.2021
- D Marsh 10.03.2021
- C Lagoudakis 10.04.2021
- M Truex 10.04.2021
- J Lichtenberger 10.04.2021
- DNR Notice of 2021 Remote Recreational Cabin Sites 10.08.2021

**18. Assembly Discussion Items**

**A. Redistricting Maps**

The Assembly discussed the proposed redistricting maps and how they would affect Petersburg.

**B. House Poverty Task Force**

Assembly Member Trembly has joined the House Poverty Task Force. There are 21 members from across the State. The goal of the task force is to examine how current State statutes and regulations affect poverty in the State of Alaska.

**C. Assembly Member Comments**

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor thanked the citizens of Petersburg for the strong voter turn out on October 5th and thanked those who put their names on the ballot.

Assembly Member Meucci thanked Director Cotta and employees of the baler facility for giving him the opportunity to ride along in the garbage truck and to see what goes on in the Sanitation Department.

**D. Recognitions**

Assembly Member Kensinger thanked Sally Dwyer and everyone who has participated in the Mountain View Manor Deck Project.

Assembly Member Tremblay thanked everyone who has worked on preparing for Oktoberfest which will be held on Saturday, October 23rd and begins at 10:00 am in the Community Gym.

**19. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.



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## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

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Monday, November 01, 2021

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

#### PRESENT

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

#### EXCUSED

Mayor Mark Jensen

### 2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes available for approval.

### 4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to change the number of the Resolution regarding Redistricting, from #2021-13 to #2021-14, and to add "Standards for Volunteer Projects" under Assembly Discussion Items. The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

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

### 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.*

No views were shared.

**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.*

No views were shared.

**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. Petersburg Medical Center Update**

PMC CEO Hofstetter updated the Assembly on current COVID positives, PMC activities, the status of the Community Needs Assessment and new facility funding opportunities.

**B. PMPL Rate Study Presentation**

John Heberling with D. Hittle and Associates discussed the results of a 2021 Electric Rate Study.

**12. Mayor's Report**

**A. November 1, 2021 Mayor's Report**

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor read his report into the record.

**13. Manager's Report**

**A. November 1, 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**

**A. Ordinance #2021-15: An Ordinance Updating Chapter 9.04 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Disease Control", to Update Language and Reflect Borough Incorporation - Third and Final Reading**

Ordinance #2021-15 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

**B. Ordinance #2021-17: An Ordinance Updating Various Provisions of Chapter 14.12 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Sanitation" - Third and Final Reading**

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2021-17 was adopted in its third and final reading.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

**15. New Business**

**A. Resolution 2021-13 A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough in Support of Redistricting Map Designated "Senate Minority Proposed Southeast"**

Resolution #2021-14 was amended to add an additional Whereas as follows: "Whereas, only one current proposal maintains Petersburg Borough boundaries, while also including the entirety of Kupreanof Island, as well as the Stikine River delta, both areas of cultural, economic, and ecological significance to our borough." The resolution was unanimously approved as amended.

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

**B. Blind Slough Hydro Equipment Procurement Contract**

The Assembly unanimously approved the issuance of a Notice to Proceed to Gilkes Hydro for the Blind Slough Hydro Equipment Procurement contract in an amount not to exceed \$2,092,191.08.

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

Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

## 16. Communications

### A. Correspondence Received Since October 15, 2021

## 17. Assembly Discussion Items

### A. Standards for Volunteer Projects

Assembly Member Lynn requests Manager Giesbrecht come up with some standards for volunteer projects within the Borough for consistency purposes and so Borough Department Heads have guidelines to follow for working with volunteer groups for public/private partnership projects.

### B. Recognitions

Assembly Member Tremblay recognized the members of the SHARE Coalition for their work to make Petersburg a safer place.

Assembly Member Fine-Walsh thanked Brian Richards for hosting a meeting focused on building walking trails in the community.

## 18. Executive Session

The Assembly adjourned to Executive Session at 1:08 p.m. to receive advice and information provided by the Borough Attorney concerning the remedies available to the Borough in regard to a sales tax delinquency.

The Assembly returned to Regular Session at 1:38 p.m.

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

## 19. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

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



# Petersburg Borough

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## Meeting Minutes November 5, 2021 Special Assembly Meeting

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Friday, November 05, 2021

4:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

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### 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

#### PRESENT

Vice Mayor Jeigh Stanton Gregor  
Assembly Member David Kensinger  
Assembly Member Bob Lynn  
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci  
Assembly Member Taylor Norheim  
Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay

#### EXCUSED

Mayor Mark Jensen

### 2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

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

### 3. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Dr. Selina Burt, Jennifer Bryner, Erica Kludt-Painter, Joe Bertagnoli, Dr. Jennifer Hyer, Heather Conn, Dr. Courtney Hess, Rick Dormer and Carol Kandoll all spoke in favor of a local masking requirement.

Dana Thynes and Brittni Caulum spoke in opposition to a local masking requirement.

### 4. New Business

**A. Ordinance #2021-19: An Emergency Ordinance Implementing 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**

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved Emergency Ordinance #2021-19 in its only reading. The ordinance requires masks or face coverings to be worn indoors in any building within the Borough that is open to the public from the date of adoption to December 6, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. unless earlier repealed by the Assembly.

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

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

**5. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

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



**Mayor's Report  
For  
November 15, 2021 Assembly Meeting**

**1. Thank you Veterans:** A heartfelt Thank You goes out to our local Veterans for your service to our country!

**2. Seeking Letters of Interest:** The Petersburg Borough is accepting letters of interest from citizens who wish to serve the community as Board Member to the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) for calendar year 2022. The Borough Assembly will appoint one voting member and one alternate to the SEAPA board.

In addition, vacant seats exist on the following Borough Boards/Commissions:

Planning Commission – two vacant seats

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – two vacant seats

Public Safety Advisory Board – one vacant seat

Appointments to the Planning Commission, and the Parks & Recreation and Public Safety Advisory Boards will be in effect until the October, 2022 Municipal Election.

Letters of interest should be submitted to Mayor Jensen or 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](mailto:dthompson@petersburgak.gov).



**PETERSBURG**  
**A L A S K A**  
**Borough Manager's Report**  
**Assembly Meeting 15 November 2021**

- ❖ Ryan continues to work on the Fire Engine specifications with a team from the Volunteers.
- ❖ The Volunteers; Fire, EMS, and SAR are participating in virtual training due to COVID surge in Petersburg.
- ❖ REMINDER: Parks and Recreation is working on placing a light at the Ice Skate Pond. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board or Stephanie Payne with comments or input.
- ❖ Visitation suspended at Assisted Living due to the recent Covid outbreak. Call 772-2445 with any questions. We hope to be open soon!
- ❖ The residents of Mountain View Manor would like to thank Pastor Erik Olsen and his wife for ministering to our residents over the years. We will miss him and wish him well in his retirement.
- ❖ Moderna booster shots were given by PMC to residents that wanted them at assisted living on Friday 11/12.
- ❖ We continue to be short staffed in multiple departments due to the most recent outbreak. This includes the PD, Dispatch, Public Works, the Motor Pool, and Parks & Rec.
- ❖ Equipment is ready for snow removal, and we have plans in place to cover snow removal routes if the need occurs before we are up to full staff levels.
- ❖ The Motor Pool Shop Repair project is progressing well. Interior paint is nearly complete and next steps will be installation of mechanical and electrical fixtures and equipment, including the new overhead crane.
- ❖ Sanitation is working on a plan for transitioning recycling pickups to every-other-week instead of weekly. The changeover will take place after the holiday season and will be advertised for several weeks beforehand.
- ❖ We are looking into bringing an overhead door specialist to town to evaluate and repair the various garage doors at several Borough facilities. Many of these doors have developed problems over the years and our intention is to put together a plan to get them all working properly again. This may involve budgeting for replacement of some older doors that are in poor condition.
- ❖ Molly is working with a contractor to acquire last of data needed for PD's E911 system.
- ❖ Federal agencies holding briefings on the new infrastructure bill. Liz has been attending the relevant ones.
- ❖ Petersburg residents have received over \$725,000 in rental and utility payments through the Alaska Housing Rent Relief Program. Alaska Housing is getting closer to announcing its Homeowner Assistance Program. Homeowners experience financial difficulties due to Covid19 are encouraged to sign up to receive program updates at: [alaskahousingrelief.org/homeowners](http://alaskahousingrelief.org/homeowners)

- ❖ The Harbor is working with Tamico and Thomas Mercer to sleeve a compromised pile in South Harbor.
- ❖ Thank you to harbor users for paying attention to vessels during stormy weather. Please continue to notify the Harbor Office if you plan on being out of town and provide us with your boat watching contact info.
- ❖ The library is currently offering curbside service. People can place holds in our online catalog or call us and we will have their item available for pickup M-Sat 11:30am-1:30pm.
- ❖ Library is working with a graphic designer and Homeport Electronics to create a sign for the Helmi Jensen Community Room. Installation is scheduled for later this month.
- ❖ Dr. Tuccillo and Chief Kerr have been visiting local businesses to talk about virus safety and encouraging them to support the Borough's mask mandate. There are still some organizations that are refusing to support the mandate.
- ❖ Andrew Ayriss, Carl Tate, Eric Wolf and James Kerr received SWAT 1 Certified Operator status on the following.

- High Risk Warrants
- SWAT Team concepts
- Room clearing
- High Risk Warrant planning and execution
- Mechanical breaching
- Breach point procedures
- Distraction device deployment and certification
- Tactical firearms training
- Barricade subject operations
- Stealth search techniques
- Chemical munitions deployment
- Introduction and practical application of the K9 in the SWAT mission

- ❖ Andrew Ayriss, Carl Tate, Eric Wolf and James Kerr also received SWAT 2 Certified Operator status on the following.

- Hostage Rescue Team
- Individual and team movements
- Surgical firearms training (Sniper)
- Strong hold options
- Stealth to contact
- Open air options
- Mobile option
- Covered Pile tactics
- Vehicle assaults
- Tactical rescue
- Tubular assaults
- Tactical movement under Night Vision Goggles

- ❖ SWAT 1&2 certification will better assist the Petersburg Community in the event of a crisis. Other members of the department will be trained on the topics by the 4 who attended the training.

**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 UTILITY<sup>1</sup>**

**14.16.010 National Electrical Code adopted by reference.**

- A. The ~~2011-2017~~ Edition (NFPA 70-201~~7~~4) of the National Electric Code (NEC) and the 20~~17~~07 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> <u>1/2022</u> Billing	Effective <u>9/2015</u> <u>7/2022</u> Billing
Customer charge:		\$ <u>9</u> <u>10</u> .00	\$ <u>9</u> <u>11</u> .00
Energy charge:	0—500 KWH=	<u>11.8-12.25</u> cents/kwh	<u>11.9</u> <u>12.6</u> cents/kwh

	over 500 KWH=	<del>7.89.45</del> cents/kwh	<del>8.110.8</del> 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 <del>9/20141/2022</del> Billing	Effective <del>9/20157/2022</del> Billing
Customer charge:		<del>\$9.00</del> 10.50	<del>\$9.00</del> 12.00
Energy charge:	0—3,000 KWH=	<del>11.11.650</del> cents/kwh	<del>11.0</del> 12.3 cents/kwh
	over 3,000 KWH=	<del>8.310.2</del> cents/kwh	<del>8.811.6</del> 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 <del>9/20141/2022</del> Billing	Effective <del>9/20157/2022</del> Billing
Customer charge:		<del>\$2831.00</del>	<del>\$2834.00</del>
Demand charge:		<del>\$3.103.40</del> per KW of billing demand	<del>\$3.103.70</del> per KW of billing demand
Energy charge:	0—15,000 KWH=	<del>10.611.45</del> cents/kwh	<del>10.612.3</del> cents/kwh
	15,001—60,000 KWH=	<del>11.011.85</del> cents/kwh	<del>11.1.12.6</del> cents/kwh
	over 60,000 KWH =	<del>8.59.6</del> cents/kwh	<del>8.810.4</del> 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:		<del>\$9.00</del> 10.50	<del>\$9.00</del> 12.00
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	<del>\$11.25</del> <u>\$15.00</u>
400 watt HPS	<del>\$19.00</del> <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	<del>8.09.5</del> 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:

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

$$A = ((F - \del{150240}) / \del{12.513.5} \times D/G) + ((L + MS - \del{6.87.3}) \times TP/G)$$

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: \$2550.00;

- 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.**

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**Mark Jensen, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk**

Adopted:  
 Noticed:  
 Effective:

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH  
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**

**WHEREAS**, in response to a significant community spread COVID-19 outbreak, the Borough Assembly, on November 5, 2021, enacted Emergency Ordinance #2021-19; and

**WHEREAS**, that Emergency Ordinance required all persons to wear masks or face coverings over their nose and mouth when they were indoors in any building within the Borough that is open to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, since that date the number of new cases has continued to quickly grow, with the Petersburg Medical Center (PMC) reporting 22 new active COVID-19 cases on November 10, 2021, bringing the active case count to 92, with 86 pending send-out COVID tests that should be resulted in the next 3-5 business days; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been 74 new positive cases in the last seven days alone, with Petersburg having a daily new case rate (per 100,000) nearly 6 times that of the State of Alaska as a whole, which is itself over 3 times higher than the national average; and

**WHEREAS**, many businesses and building owners are taking measures to ensure compliance with the Emergency Ordinance to keep their employees, customers and visitors safe, however it has been reported that a number of businesses are not; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly believes that requiring businesses and building owners to deny admittance to those not complying with the Emergency Ordinance will assist in stemming this rapidly spreading outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to provide an additional safety measure, the Assembly wishes to include within the scope of the Emergency Ordinance communal areas in buildings not specifically open to the public where individuals gather who are not members of the same household; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly further believes that instituting specific fines for violation of the Emergency Ordinance will provide an incentive for compliance, to further aid in bringing this public health crisis under control; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly finds that a health crisis continues to exist in the community due to the expanding COVID-19 outbreak and the limited medical resources existing within the community to address the outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, 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; 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 amend Emergency Ordinance #2021-19 to provide fines for noncompliance, require businesses and building owners to deny admittance to those failing to comply with the ordinance, and to add communally used spaces within the scope of the ordinance.

**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.

D. A new Section 3A, entitled Fines, is added immediately following Section 3 of the Emergency Ordinance, to read as follows:

**Section 3A. Fines:**

1. Any person who violates this Emergency Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation, punishable by imposition of a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each separate violation.

2. Any business, employer, or building owner or lessee who violates this Emergency Ordinance by improperly granting admittance to an individual failing to comply with this Emergency Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation, punishable by imposition of a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each separate violation. Issuance of a citation to an entity, including a business entity, may be accomplished by leaving a copy at the entity's location, during regular operating or business hours, with any owner, officer or official, or employee. Owners, officers, officials and employees of an entity shall be deemed agents of the entity for purposes of a violation and service of a citation.

E. All other provisions of Emergency Ordinance #2021-19 remain in full force and effect.

**Section 4. 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 5. Effective Date and Term:** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption and remain in effect through the effective term of Emergency Ordinance #2021-19.

**Passed and approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly, Petersburg, Alaska this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Mark Jensen, Mayor**

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**Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk**

Adopted:  
Published:  
Effective:





Memorandum

11/10/2021

To: Steve Giesbrecht, Borough Manager

CC: Mayor Jensen and Members of the Petersburg Borough Assembly

From: Chris Cotta, Public Works Director

Re: Motor Pool Shop Fire Damage Repairs – Change Order No. 2

Construction on the Motor Pool Shop Fire Damage Repairs project is progressing and should be nearing substantial completion in the next couple of weeks. During the course of construction there have been several changes to the project that were directly related to fire damage or the fire codes covering the rehabilitated structure. Rainforest Contracting has provided proposals for these changes and their proposals have been reviewed and discussed by the Borough and the Borough's insurance provider. These changes are itemized in the attached Change Order No. 2. All of these itemized costs have been approved as covered costs, with the exception of a small portion (approximately \$450) of the asbestos tile removal. We do not know the final disposition of the disputed amount yet, however if the \$450 turns out to be a cost not covered by insurance, we can pay for it out of the Public Works Building Maintenance account.

Following is a brief explanation of each change order item:

1. Additional asbestos tile removal: When flooring in the shop was demolished, some of the flooring that was taken up revealed underlying asbestos material that had not been identified in the asbestos survey performed during design. This additional asbestos had to be abated and the cost for this work was \$13,500. Insurance has approved \$13,050 of this cost to date.
2. Fire damaged x-bracing repair: Demolition of the building walls and insulation revealed some underlying fire damage to the x-bracing for the steel framing that supports the shop facility. This damaged bracing had to be replaced to restore structural integrity. Total cost was \$3,800 which will be fully covered by insurance.
3. The State Fire Marshal mandated some changes to design of the building that went beyond "like kind" replacement of the existing structure and fire protection equipment. These changes are as follows:

**Public Works Department**

PO Box 329, Petersburg, AK 99833 – Phone (907) 772-4430 Fax (907) 772-4102

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- Changes to north and south walls from 10' up: Changes to upper portions of the north and south walls of the building, to eliminate exposed foamboard insulation that was part of the original building configuration. Additional framing and wall coverings had to be installed. Cost for this change was \$21,285 which will be fully covered by insurance.
  - Add exit sign and emergency lighting. Cost for this change was \$2,310 which will be fully covered by insurance.
  - Provide 2 new fire extinguishers. Cost for this change was \$250 which will be fully covered by insurance.
4. Shim crane runway beams as needed: During measurements for the new overhead crane installation, it was discovered that the south side of the building had warped slightly from the fire, pulling the crane runway beam on that side of the building out of alignment. Shims were added to the runway beams to bring them into proper tolerances for installation of the new overhead crane. Cost for this work was \$5,095 which will be fully covered by insurance.

At present, the construction contract amount is \$1,183,100. If Change Order 2 is approved, an additional \$46,240 would be authorized, of which all but \$450 has been approved for reimbursement by the Borough's insurance carrier. Total contract amount would then be \$1,229,340.

If you are in agreement with Change Order No. 2 as described above, please forward it to the Borough Assembly for consideration at their next regular meeting on November 15, 2021. I'll be present at the meeting to answer any questions that may arise in regards to the need for this additional work. Thank you.

Attachment: Change Order 2 with companion documents (7 pages total)

CHANGE ORDER FORM

Contractor: Rainforest Contracting, Inc.

Change Order No: 2

Project: Motor Pool Shop Fire Damage Repairs

Date: 11/15/21

The contractor shall make the following changes in this contract (for details, see attached pages – 6 pages total):

<b>Item: Additional asbestos tile removal</b>	<b>+\$13,500.00</b>
<b>Item: Fire-damaged X-bracing repair</b>	<b>+\$3,800.00</b>
<b>Item: Changes to north and south walls from 10' up</b>	<b>+\$21,285.00</b>
<b>Item: Add exit sign and emergency lighting</b>	<b>+\$2,310.00</b>
<b>Item: Provide 2 new fire extinguishers</b>	<b>+\$250.00</b>
<b>Item: Shim crane runway beams as needed</b>	<b>+\$5,095.00</b>

The original contact sum \$1,130,450.00

Net changes by previously authorized change orders: \$52,650.00

Contract sum prior to this change order was: \$1,183,100.00

Contract sum will be:

Increased   x    
 Decreased         
 Unchanged       

By this change order: \$46,240.00

The new contract sum including this change order will be: \$1,229,340.00

This change order does not change the project final completion date of 11/30/2021.

Recommended by:

Agreed to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Cotta, Public Works Director

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Jesse West, Rainforest Contracting Date

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Stephen Giesbrecht, Borough Mgr. Date

**Job Proposal  
Rainforest Contracting INC.  
Petersburg, Alaska  
Jesse West-General Contractor  
Residential Endorsement**

Job: Petersburg Motor Pool – Fire Damage Repair

Date: 04/19/2021

Job Description: Remove and dispose of additional 225 sq ft of asbestos floor tiles located under carpet in office building

Materials and equipment \$2,500.00

Transport and disposal \$2,500.00

Labor \$8,500.00

Total cost: \$13,500.00

Jesse West \_\_\_\_\_

**Rainforest Contracting INC.  
Jesse West - President**

**Cell (907) 518-1289**

**email - jesserwest@hotmail.com**

**Job Proposal  
Rainforest Contracting INC.  
Petersburg, Alaska  
Jesse West-General Contractor  
Residential Endorsement**

Job: Petersburg Motor Pool

Date: 04/29/2021

Job Description: replace 8 fire damaged X braces in ceiling.

Materials with shipping \$2,200.00

Labor and equipment \$1,600.00

Total cost: \$3,800.00

Jesse West

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**Job Proposal  
Rainforest Contracting INC.  
Petersburg, Alaska  
Jesse West-General Contractor  
Residential Endorsement**

Job: Motor Pool Shop Fire Damage Repairs

Date: 06/24/2021

Job Description: Changes to north and south walls from 10' up. Walls to constructed as per plans, with 2x4's installed flat against Z metal, covered with 5/8" sheetrock, and 1/2" ac plywood, and painted to match other walls in room. This includes all materials and labor costs

30 – 2x4/16'	\$720.00
20 – 5/8" sheetrock	\$480.00
30 – 1/2" AC plywood	\$2,935.00
Fastners	\$300.00
Paint	\$700.00
Shipping	\$950.00

Labor 160 hrs \$15,200.00

Total cost: \$21,285.00

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Petersburg, Alaska  
Jesse West-General Contractor  
Residential Endorsement**

Job: Motor Pool Shop Fire Damage Repairs

Date: 06/24/2021

Job Description: Electrical changes for fire marshal. Add exit sign and emergency lighting

Total cost: \$2,310.00

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Petersburg, Alaska  
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Residential Endorsement**

Job: Motor Pool Shop Fire Damage Repairs

Date: 06/24/2021

Job Description: Provide 2 new fire extinguishers for a total of 6

Total cost: \$250.00

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**Job Proposal  
Rainforest Contracting INC.  
Petersburg, Alaska  
Jesse West-General Contractor  
Residential Endorsement**

Job: Motor Pool Shop Fire Damage Repairs

Date: 06/24/2021

Job Description: Extra work or materials for project.

1. install new trusses on small roofs over man doors. Materials and shipping only  
\$980.00 *Borough cost*

2. Change damage side C channel with new piece. And replace damaged C channel  
with salvaged C channel. Materials \$499.00, Labor \$3,800.00 *Borough cost*

3. Shim crane runway beams to within tolerances for proper operation of crane.

Materials \$995.00 Labor Including welding \$4,100.00 *Covered by insurance*

Total cost: \$10,374.00

Jesse West

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## Borough Guidance on Volunteer Projects November 2021

1. Volunteer Projects affecting Borough operations or facilities, must have the written approval of the Borough Manager and the appropriate Borough Department Head(s). This should be based upon the understanding that the project is in the best interest of the Borough.
2. Each project must have a Coordinator assigned by the volunteer group that is authorized to approve payments, and act as the primary point of contact for Borough personnel. It is understood that any agreements made by the Volunteer group with contractors or other vendors are the responsibility of the Volunteer group, and as such, all invoices are assumed to be the responsibility of the Volunteer group unless otherwise noted.
3. Approval of the project cannot be given until a complete written project description, with costs is provided and approved by the Borough Manager or Borough Assembly. The costs provided should include any capital and upfront costs, along with estimated future operating costs. An outline of who will be responsible for these costs should be included. The work on the project cannot commence until all funding and permits are in hand.
4. Volunteer Projects must apply for and receive all appropriate permits, prior to the start of the project. All permit fees and charges must be paid in full and are the responsibility of the Volunteer Group.
5. Throughout any volunteer project, it should be expected that periodic updates to the project will be given to the Assembly and Borough Manager, or their designee. This could include updates during public meetings such as Advisory Board and Assembly meetings.
6. Unless otherwise stated, it should be expected that the cost of a volunteer project is the sole responsibility of the group sponsoring the project.
7. If the Borough is responsible for contracting with vendors and ordering materials for the Volunteer Project, all Borough purchasing rules must be followed. Volunteer groups who are assuming all risk and project costs should follow their own group rules if appropriate.
8. Licensed contractors may be required on any construction project. This decision will be made by the Borough Building Official based upon Borough and State requirements.

**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Max Worhatch <mnmnwiv60@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:56 AM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** mining resolution

Good morning-

Last week you voted to sign onto a resolution regarding mining in British Columbia. I assume the people who voted in the affirmative have read THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION OF INDIGINOUS PEOPLES RIGHTS that is included in the resolution.

Could one, or all of you, please explain to me how Articles 26 and 28 of the aforementioned declaration are in the best interests of our state and community?

Thanks,

Max

**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Ed Wood <fvton@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 31, 2021 10:52 AM  
**To:** Mark Jensen; Stephen Giesbrecht  
**Cc:** Debra Thompson  
**Subject:** Wrangell joins other Southeast communities, tribes in calling for transboundary mine reforms

Mayor Jensen, Manager Giesbrecht,

I'm with Wrangell and 5 Petersburg Borough Assembly members on this one.

Maybe a unanimous vote wouldn't have made a difference, but it would have made a more definitive statement of support for our local and regional utilization and dependence upon our marine ecosystem. From subsistence, to the viability and dock prices of Dungeness crab and salmon, etc., we are tied to it.

Canadian miners and regulators seemingly could care less about us and our resources. My guess is that it's just a matter of time before they prove it in a much bigger way than the Tulsequah Chief mine on the Taku River.

Ed Wood

<https://www.ktoo.org/2021/10/31/wrangell-joins-other-southeast-communities-tribes-in-calling-for-transboundary-mine-reforms/>

Sent from my iPad

**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Aaron Hankins <general.hankins@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 2:03 AM  
**To:** Jeffrey Meucci  
**Cc:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Sandy Beach Playground comments

Mr. Meucci,

After Listening to some of your comments regarding "incomplete work" at the Sandy Beach playground, I felt it necessary to correct the record. By standards provided to the Rotary Club when designing the project, the SB Playground is in fact ADA compliant by Alaska State Standards. This includes the compacted perimeter rock around the playground, and the inclusion of play equipment at ground level, as well as the 2 forward harnessed swings. Unfortunately, we were limited by cost factors, as well as ground type when providing pathways into the playground. We are also limited by what type of material can be included around the play structures, as we must also consider what a falling Patron would land on. The Rotary Club and Parks and Rec Director Steph Payne however, have been working on procuring additional material to make playground access more efficient for ADA patrons that is both cost effective and suitable for our outdoor environment. We hope to have the material ready for use hopefully by summer of 2022. If you or any of your fellow Assembly members have any questions regarding this issue, I welcome you to reach out to the Rotary Club, or me personally. We would be delighted to answer any questions.

-Aaron Hankins  
President 2021-2022  
Petersburg Rotary Club  
(My Cell) 503-602-9890  
[General.Hankins@gmail.com](mailto:General.Hankins@gmail.com)

**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Sarah Fine <sarah@finewalshlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 9:42 AM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Cc:** Stephen Giesbrecht; Debra Thompson  
**Subject:** Preparing for Holiday Season

Dear Assembly:

It was hard to learn we didn't avoid a Halloween outbreak this year like we were able to last year. It's difficult to imagine going into a second COVID holiday season. But I know there are some simple (non-punitive) things that we at our local level could do to prevent future holiday outbreaks this season. For example the borough could use its emergency powers to not only issue orders limiting indoor capacity, but also help people have outdoor events instead of indoor ones. The borough could offer, free of cost, to lend tents, heaters, sound equipment, lights, etc. to help make safe and fun events possible and accessible -- perhaps on a case by case basis when events are known to be planned for indoor spaces. My hope is that the borough will use its emergency powers to help keep us not only safe, but connected and festive during another long cold winter. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,  
Sarah Fine-Walsh

Dear Borough Manager & Assembly Members

I write you to ask some pressing questions that the Viking Swim Club have on the recent closure of the Parks and Rec facility. As you know the facility was abruptly closed on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, along with all other Borough buildings. As covid cases have ebbed and flowed in our community over the years, VSC has aligned mitigation plans with stakeholders of the aquatic center to provide a safe place for the sport of swimming and the youth in our community. I would like to point out to the assembly if not aware that swimming pools have not been deemed high risk places for spreading covid.

There have been pool closures. As well as many plans made just to change for reasons outside of our control. This obviously goes for the borough as well. VSC in past few weeks has been preparing for our local annual swim meet November Rain (Nov 12-14<sup>th</sup>). At this time, we are unsure if we have a pool to compete in. We ask these questions to better understand and prepare for the next chapter of the pandemic.

These questions are poised with the obvious assumption that decisions were made in the interest of the health of our community. With that being said,

1. How was the decision reached to close borough buildings, including P&R? Were discussions made? Were informed decisions made? Were key stakeholders involved in the decision making process?
2. What are the criteria for reopening?
3. If the schools remain open (they are as of this moment?), why cannot other activities continue? The same kids interacting at school and at the gym are the same kids in the pool, on basketball teams, etc. This closure seems wildly inconsistent in its application.
4. Related to #1, what are the primary concerns to warrant widespread closures other than the obvious increase in cases? If cases are isolated, shouldn't that impact decisions to close facilities? What measures can the borough (P&R, VSC?) take to mitigate spread and alleviate concerns. It is difficult to move forward with no transparency, especially for public institutions.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely

Ben Hinde  
 VSC President  
 Approved by Viking Swim Club BOD

**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Stephen Giesbrecht  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 6:46 AM  
**To:** ben hinde; Assembly  
**Cc:** Stephanie Payne  
**Subject:** RE: VSC Questions

Thanks for your communication Ben.

As you may know, the nature of the current COVID outbreak is disturbing. The number of cases each day, along with the widespread community infections, tell us that there is not necessarily a single source of the outbreak. This makes it harder to approach the problem without across the board remedies. I closed the facility to help give the Borough and the community an opportunity to take a breath and put steps in place to help avoid further issues. The staff at Parks & Rec. will be going through a significant sanitizing process over the next week or so, and I will reevaluate the situation at the end of next week. Hopefully we can reopen the facility the week of November 15<sup>th</sup>.

While I do not feel there is risks associated with the pool, your participants also use the lobby, bathrooms and locker rooms. These provide opportunities for additional community spread and this is what we are trying to stop. The school has been adversely effected by this large outbreak, and we need to take whatever precautions we can to get them stabilized.

Steve

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**From:** ben hinde <benhinde200@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 11:07 PM  
**To:** Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>; Stephen Giesbrecht <sgiesbrecht@petersburgak.gov>  
**Cc:** ben hinde <benhinde200@gmail.com>; Stephanie Payne <spayne@petersburgak.gov>  
**Subject:** VSC Questions

Good Evening,  
Attached is a letter from the Viking Swim Club board.

ben hinde  
[benhinde200@gmail.com](mailto:benhinde200@gmail.com)



## Debra Thompson

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**From:** Mark Tuccillo <drmark@PMC-HEALTH.ORG>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:24 AM  
**To:** Stephen Giesbrecht; Chad Wright; Assembly; Sandy Dixon  
**Cc:** Phillip Hofstetter; Stephanie Payne; Julie Anderson; Scott Burt  
**Subject:** RE: Gym closure

To whom:

The decision to close city facilities was not arrived at lately. There is clear historical evidence that allowing unregulated group meetings increases and/or potentiates viral spread during pandemics. With closure of in person learning, people are going to naturally gravitate to recreational areas. Since there has been no true enforcement of mitigating policies, i.e. masking social distancing good hygiene, this has already led to spread to persons with in said facilities. Invariably when an individual was interviewed they will report that they were mildly symptomatic for several days but chose work and/or recreation regardless. We have seen the consequences of this in several large community meetings which can only be termed most appropriately super spreader events. We have elected not to bring outside populations into the community for sporting events and/or community meetings. To the best of my knowledge there is still one large which is scheduled in an indoor venue. I have not yet been able to contact the organizers to see what mitigation policies they are going to attempt to enforce. From a public health perspective closing facilities where there is likely going to be low mitigation and high contact in addition to increased respiratory effort makes sense based on the current level of community spread.

Please be aware of the numbers we are reporting are only the tip of the iceberg. Because of our very limited supply of rapid testing we are only testing sentinel members of any group, family or household that are symptomatic. The rest are being sent out with the expectation that they will practice quarantine or isolation as appropriate based on the premise that they too are likely positive. This means that we may only be identifying between 20 and 30% of the true positives with point of care testing.

All of this is a foreseeable consequences of lacking mitigation measures. Low immunization rates, lack of social distancing, masking, hygiene and the re emergence of large group meetings with the same lack of mitigation is clearly a high risk situation.

We do continue to encourage activities outside where transmission rates are likely much lower. This present situation was a foreseeable consequence of the lack of mitigation measures and the tacit blessing of numerous government level agencies with the remove all of strong recommendations and/or mandates.

To leave unregulated areas open when they are very likely to potentiate ongoing spread would be irresponsible. There are presently covid positive employees in these facilities that may or may not have contracted and/or spread the virus in the course of the normal duties. Separate from the medical aspects, this brings up Workmen's Comp. issues for the Borough.

There can be no expectation of controlling viral spread without mitigation factors. Avoidance or wishing this to go away simply is not an effective means of controlling the ongoing pandemic.

There are clear methods to control the spread of the virus. Until those are endorsed and/or enforce secondary, less effective, measures are needed. We will continue to see a decline in the ability to locally test symptomatic or asymptomatic individuals with point of care testing as our supply swindled. I would strongly encourage mandating proven effective mitigation measures. If you require a list measures please contact me at your convenience and I would be glad to review them with you

**From:** Stephen Giesbrecht <[sgiesbrecht@petersburgak.gov](mailto:sgiesbrecht@petersburgak.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 6:43 AM  
**To:** Chad Wright <[ccwright77@gmail.com](mailto:ccwright77@gmail.com)>; Assembly <[assembly@petersburgak.gov](mailto:assembly@petersburgak.gov)>; Mark Tuccillo <[drmark@PMC-HEALTH.ORG](mailto:drmark@PMC-HEALTH.ORG)>; Sandy Dixon <[sdixon@petersburgak.gov](mailto:sdixon@petersburgak.gov)>  
**Cc:** Philip Hofstetter <[phofstetter@PMC-HEALTH.ORG](mailto:phofstetter@PMC-HEALTH.ORG)>; Stephanie Payne <[spayne@petersburgak.gov](mailto:spayne@petersburgak.gov)>; Julie Anderson <[janderson@petersburgak.gov](mailto:janderson@petersburgak.gov)>; Scott Burt <[sburt@petersburgak.gov](mailto:sburt@petersburgak.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Gym closure

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Thanks for your communication Chad.

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Steve

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**From:** Chad Wright <[ccwright77@gmail.com](mailto:ccwright77@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 5:33 PM  
**To:** Assembly <[assembly@petersburgak.gov](mailto:assembly@petersburgak.gov)>; Mark Tuccillo <[drmark@PMC-HEALTH.ORG](mailto:drmark@PMC-HEALTH.ORG)>; Sandy Dixon <[sdixon@petersburgak.gov](mailto:sdixon@petersburgak.gov)>; Stephen Giesbrecht <[sgiesbrecht@petersburgak.gov](mailto:sgiesbrecht@petersburgak.gov)>  
**Cc:** Phillip Hofstetter <[phofstetter@pmc-health.org](mailto:phofstetter@pmc-health.org)>; Stephanie Payne <[spayne@petersburgak.gov](mailto:spayne@petersburgak.gov)>; Julie Anderson <[janderson@petersburgak.gov](mailto:janderson@petersburgak.gov)>; Scott Burt <[sburt@petersburgak.gov](mailto:sburt@petersburgak.gov)>  
**Subject:** Gym closure

Dear Assembly Members, Manager Giesbrecht, Dr. Tuccillo and Sandy Dixon;

Good evening. I am trying to understand the reasoning behind the decision to close all Borough buildings, particularly the Community Gym and facilities, that was made on November 3, 2021. According to a Facebook post, "Borough Manager Giesbrecht is responsible for evaluating the risks to the employees and the Community and taking appropriate actions as authorized by the Assembly and Borough Code. In this case the decision was made in consultation with the Borough's Emergency Manager and Health Officer as well." What exactly are the risks? Have there been any clusters associated with the gym?

Masking in the gym (and all Borough buildings) has been required since September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. Additional mitigation measures have occurred at the gym in the past which avoided a closure. I will be the first to commend Stephanie and her staff for all their efforts to remain open when in fact it would have been much easier to close the facility.

I will forgo listing the numerous benefits of regular exercise and the importance of investing in our health, especially during this stressful period in our community; however, I would like to mention that physical activity improves immunity, decreases inflammation and decreases viral respiratory infections that are apparent in COVID-19 sufferers. It is very unfortunate the decision to close this facility was made so abruptly with no opportunities to provide alternatives to remain open. I would appreciate your consideration in reopening the

gym immediately with additional mitigation measures in place. Let's minimize risks and maximize healthy living!

Sincerely,

Chad Wright

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## Debra Thompson

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**From:** Anne Loesch <amlmom@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 5:27 PM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Masking

Dear Mayor and Assembly members;

I wholeheartedly support the face covering emergency ordinance.

Thank you,  
Anne Loesch

**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Katie Holmlund <kholmlundak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 6:48 PM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Ordinance #2021-19

Dear Assembly Members,

I first would like to thank you all for your service to our community, unfortunately the challenges of public service continue to drag on and I hope you all know that there is a significant population of community members who are deeply grateful to you all.

The past week has been troubling in many ways, hearing reports of staff remaining at work while knowingly ill and making jokes about that is beyond comprehension to me. Hearing some of our fellow community members did not value Public Health recommendations to isolate when exposed to what is absolutely a dangerous virus is unsettling and disheartening. Yes, fine, many of those diagnosed with COVID-19 survive, but as witnessed within my own family (outside Petersburg) survive with significant impact to cognitive abilities and daily struggles to recoup "normal" life activities. Aside from those falling ill with COVID-19 we have the collective trauma of a global pandemic and our children are bearing the brunt of that weight. Our kids need to be in school, they need dance class, swim team, after school clubs, our library's safe and warm space, and we as adults have been failing them beyond measure. I respectfully ask the Petersburg Borough Assembly to vote to pass Ordinance #2021-19 and require and enforce a mask mandate until no later than December 6, 2021. Masking can help alleviate the stress placed on schools, childcare programs, and our medical center. It is quite simply one of the easiest preventive strategies for us to take as a community to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and to show that Petersburg protects their own and values all individuals who choose to call this town home.

Thank you for considering this ordinance and taking the time to read through, what I imagine will be, numerous opinions on the matter. Thank you again.

Respectfully,  
Katie Holmlund

## Debra Thompson

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**From:** PSD Superintendent <supt@pcsd.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 10:56 PM  
**To:** Assembly; Stephen Giesbrecht  
**Subject:** letter in support of emergency mask mandate

To: Petersburg Assembly  
 Cc: Steve Geisbrecht, Borough Manager

I will be unable to call into the meeting on Friday afternoon, so I wanted to send a letter of support for the emergency mask mandate.

I want to thank the Petersburg Borough Assembly for the work you are doing. I know you truly care about our community, schools, businesses, and medical facilities. I know your work on the assembly is often thankless and challenging, and I appreciate you taking the time to consider a community-wide emergency mask mandate during this current spike in Covid cases.

As some of you know, the schools are nearly at a breaking point right now. Our administrative and office staff are spending the majority of our time testing, making phone calls to public health, taking phone calls from public health, sending letters, fielding phone calls from frustrated families, dealing with sick students and staff members, and still trying to provide quality instruction to our students who are in the classroom learning and students who are out of school in isolation or quarantine. We are killing ourselves trying to implement mitigation measures to keep our students safe and in school, maintain extracurricular activities, and provide a consistent education for all. We will continue to do whatever is needed to keep our schools open, but we are fighting an uphill battle when there are few mitigation strategies being followed in the community at large, even when we are in the midst of multiple positive cases nearly every day.

We understand that people are going to get Covid, and that we are all going to learn to live with it on some level. People intentionally ignoring quarantine/isolation rules and going to work/school with symptoms, gathering in large groups with few, if any, mitigation measures, etc. is pulling our schools under. We have 430 students and 85 staff members with families and multiple community connections. We are absolutely connected to every agency, organization, church, and business in town, and we are being severely impacted by community decisions and actions that enter our buildings. We do not want to close our doors or cancel more activities for our kids. Visiting schools are not comfortable (or in some cases, allowed) to send their teams to our community with this level of spread. We have already canceled a large volleyball seeding tournament scheduled for this weekend due to these concerns.

I know you don't have all of the answers and can't "fix" this problem entirely, but it is frustrating to think that our schools may have to close their doors while bars, churches, and large social group gatherings continue unchecked. Schools are not considered large areas of spread with the layered mitigation strategies in place, including testing, but we do not exist in a vacuum. We are impacted by actions inside and outside our walls, and we can't carry the burden of mitigation alone. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,  
 Erica Kludt-Painter

*MISSION: Petersburg Schools will advocate for continuous growth, promote a healthy environment, and provide diverse educational opportunities where all students achieve.*

Erica Kludt-Painter  
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Petersburg School District  
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**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Karen Quitslund <ebbnflow4life@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 6:49 AM  
**To:** Debra Thompson; Assembly  
**Subject:** Ordinance 2021-19

Greeting Assembly Members,

Thank you in advance for reading my concerns and support for Ordinance 2021-19.

As a community member, I would like to see Borough services open safely and feel a sense of security being out and about in my community. I am considered a high risk in regards to COVID and would appreciate measures adopted by the Borough to protect my family, my community and myself from the spread of COVID.

My family uses the parks and recreation facility almost every day and it is an essential component to our overall wellness.

My family's other primary support for Ordinance 2021-19 is the impact on our schools and in person education. My daughter is a student at Petersburg High School and we truly value all that the teachers and administration have been doing to keep our students on site for learning. Currently, this includes a mask mandate within the school and I would encourage the Borough to pass this ordinance as well for continuity within our community.

We can all be honest and admit that no one likes wearing a mask but if I can protect my neighbors, friends and family, it's a small sacrifice that I'm willing to support.

Thank you for your time and please pass ordinance 2021-19.

Thank you,  
Karen Morrison

Sent from my iPhone



**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Liz <liz.bacom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 7:36 AM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Cc:** Phillip Hofstetter; ebacom@pmc-health.org  
**Subject:** Emergency Ordinance 2021-19

Please consider not only passing Emergency Ordinance 2021-19 to require masking indoors, but make the approval unanimous. As leaders in this community, the Assembly has the responsibility to protect all the citizens, a unanimous approval sends a very clear message to our community that masking is a critical tool for reigning in the current outbreak.

Masking alone will not end the outbreak in Petersburg, it is however the least restrictive approach to keeping schools and daycare facilities open, hospital at a capacity that will provide care for all patients seeking care, and keeping businesses open. These are all necessary for our community to be vibrant. Further restrictions can be avoided if people test when ill, stay home until cleared by public health, keeping bubbles small, practice excellent hand hygiene and masking when around others not in their immediate bubble. These steps are all necessary for our community to be healthy.

To your continued good health,

Liz Bacom  
Infection Preventionist  
Petersburg Medical Center

**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Beth Loesch <loeschknight@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 8:18 AM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Please mask

Hello all!

We're all pandemic-weary but for the safety of my family can we please mask up? A mandate or ordinance that's enforced would be great!

Thanks,  
Beth

**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Carey Case <ccase@pcsd.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 8:21 AM  
**To:** Assembly; Stephen Giesbrecht  
**Subject:** Emergency Mask Mandate

All,

Thank you for your public service, and I appreciate your willingness to discuss an emergency mask mandate today.

COVID-19 continues to be an issue that impacts many facets of our community, and continues to take a huge toll on our medical center staff, educators and school administrators. We are lucky to have excellent people that are keeping these vital services up and running, and it disappoints me to not see that hard work being supported or valued by community actions.

We are seeing the ineffectiveness of a patchwork approach to mitigation strategies. Some groups are implementing and planning for Covid mitigations, and many are not. As a community, we have the responsibility to protect our most vulnerable. It is undeniable that a patchwork response to a pandemic does not protect the most vulnerable members of our community, nor the community as a whole. We are seeing our schools and medical center pushed to the breaking point - again - by going above and beyond to serve our community. It is time to support and appreciate this effort and act in kind.

While I do not think an emergency mask mandate is going to solve many of the issues we are currently seeing related to Covid, I do believe it is a concrete step the Assembly can take to support the burden of mitigation that is currently being shouldered unevenly in our community.

Thank you for your time,

Carey Case

**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Alisa Jestel <chefalisajestel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 11:41 AM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Mask mandate

Good morning,

I wanted to take a minute to share my thoughts on the proposed emergency mask mandate. I believe at this point, 2 years into this pandemic, that we are doing more harm than good by trying to universally mandate the public's actions. I believe that no one intentionally is trying to infect others with Covid and beyond that we are all capable of making decisions to protect ourselves and our families if we are feeling vulnerable.

Taking away personal choice, and creating situations that promote division and discord amongst the community is compounding the negative reach of this pandemic far beyond the actual physical effects of the disease. We are ignoring all the other negative impacts. Depression and mental health issues that are being exacerbated by the isolation of this pandemic as well as the community division, the emotional turmoil all the kids are experiencing with the openings/closings of school and activities being randomly taken away, the kids living in households that are monopolized by constant conversations amongst adults worried about making the right decisions for themselves and their families in all aspects of life not just physical health, the economical strain on small businesses, and the forced division within this community.

I believe that if we all take a step back, and make decisions based on what's best for ourselves and our family and support our neighbors in doing the same that we will work through this Pandemic in a much more successful manor with less casualties. I do not believe we need government to step in and dictate how we navigate, we are all capable of choosing to mask, not mask, vaccinate or not vaccinate.

I myself chose to vaccinate, I have friends who are both vaccinated and unvaccinated. We have been able to navigate this pandemic with respect for each other's decisions as well as support each other through the trying times regardless of our individual beliefs. This is what I want (and honestly would expect) from a small tight knit community like Petersburg. Respect, Empathy, Kindness, and a little Grace. We don't all have to behave in the same manor or share the same beliefs to be a thriving community.

Thank you  
Alisa Jestel

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**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Malena Marvin <malena.marvin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 12:42 PM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** We support masks in Petersburg

Hello to our hard working Petersburg Assembly,

I just wanted to offer my support for masks in public buildings in the Borough. All of our community members should have the right to public life without unnecessary risk of illness. The studies are really stacking up showing the effectiveness of facial coverings and distance when it comes to limiting the spread of COVID. ([Here is one that caught my eye yesterday](#), showing masking on public transport reduces infection spread by 93% and 98% when combined with distancing).

I support a public health-based approach to COVID prevention that takes risks and benefits of any action into consideration, and it is now well-demonstrated that the benefits of masking far outweigh any downsides. (This is of course common sense, since health care professionals regularly use masks to safely decrease the spread of airborne pathogens.)

Wearing facial coverings in public buildings is now normal and enforced in a great deal of the country. An enforced Borough rulemaking on masks can help offer clear and even handed direction to businesses while helping vulnerable, older, or immuno-compromised community members enjoy the same rights and freedoms as others in town. I'm looking forward to life with less COVID-related social disruptions, and all the evidence we have points to wide acceptance of preventative measures as the key. We can get there!

Thanks so much for your service to the community.

Malena Marvin

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Malena Marvin  
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**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Don Cornelius <corndon1727@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 12:53 PM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Ordinance #2021-19

My wife, Karen and I support ordinance #2021-19 that would require masking in buildings that are open to the public to address the current covid outbreak. We suspect people will oppose this common sense ordinance because it infringes on their "freedom." However, their failure to mask also infringes on the freedom of other individuals in public settings -- exposure or even fear of exposure to a life-threatening disease. We are particularly concerned about the US Post Office which we all rely on and for which there is no alternative. Thus, in essence it's a balance of freedoms -- which one takes priority. And, since contracting this disease has the potential of being a life or death situation, we believe the right to life or even a healthy life should trump the right to go into a public building without a mask.

Thank you.

Don and Karen Cornelius  
1002 Wrangell Ave.

**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** mika hasbrouck <mikahasbrouck@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 1:37 PM  
**To:** Chelsea Tremblay; Bob Lynn; Jeff Meucci; Assembly; Mark Jensen  
**Subject:** Mask mandate

## Dear Petersburg Borough Assembly,

I see on your agenda that you'll be discussing and most likely passing a mask mandate again today.

I have to tell you that I agree with and whole heartedly support Ms. Jestel's letter to you all today. She so clearly and tactfully stated the facts of why your constant mandates are causing more harm than good in our community.

You have not once taken into consideration the information, thoughts or suggestions of any of your constituents who think or feel differently than you do about Covid. I can't reiterate enough to you the irreversible side affects of forcing these "safety measures" on the public. We are seeing depression, substance abuse, and division like we've never seen before in this community and across the nation.

At what point do you let people make personal choices without coercion? Do you realize making more mandates isn't actually helping? At what point do you promote supporting one another despite our differences? Will you ever lead this community effectively toward healing and unity?

Business owners, administrators, and employees in both public and private sectors have non stop juggled local, state and federal guidelines and mandates for 18+ months. Everyone needs your support in easing the strain of this constant hail storm by stepping back, and reevaluating what's really helpful and healthful.

No matter where any of us stands on this issue, one thing is for sure. We are all mentally and emotionally exhausted. We need to take a step back on the stressful and divisive mandates and reconnect in healthy ways. I ask you to revisit your perspective, put faith in your constituents and stop mandating our community into factions.

Mika Hasbrouck

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**From:** MaryBeth Johnson <marybethkjohnson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 2:28 PM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Re: Ordinance #2021-19  
**Attachments:** Comments re Ordinance #2021-19.docx

Good Afternoon,

Please see attached comments.

Thank you,

Bessie Johnson



To The Petersburg Borough Assembly,

My name is Bessie Johnson and I am writing this letter in support of Ordinance #2021-19 to implement masking in all buildings open to the public within the Borough of Petersburg. As an employee of PMC and a mother I would like to express my full support of this ordinance. In September Petersburg saw a surge in Covid-19 cases with a case count as high as 19 in September and 38 in October. Cases briefly declined, but we are still seeing a continuation of that surge with a case count of 50 as of Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup>. The community is going on 2 months of high case counts and I am relieved and grateful to see the Borough Assembly calling this emergency meeting to implement another mask mandate.

I support this ordinance as a mother to a 4-year-old who is not yet old enough to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. I believe people should care about the safety of those around them. My son is unvaccinated and therefore at increased risk of contracting Covid-19. I had hoped the community of Petersburg would mask for the safety of those around them. I had hoped that during surges individuals, families, businesses and establishments would take it upon themselves to mask, especially where there is a congregation of people. Unfortunately, not enough are participating in mitigation measures as evidenced by this ongoing outbreak. I am in full support of masking in all buildings open to the public and I hope this ordinance will include privately owned daycares as well.

I feel public masking should be implemented immediately for the safety of our community as Petersburg, the State of Alaska, the United States and the world continue fighting this threat. Let's look out for one another by getting vaccinated, social distancing, practicing hand hygiene, forgoing large social gatherings and implementing public masking.

Thank you to the School District staff for their continued efforts in providing Covid testing to students. Thank you to my co-workers at PMC who are working long and intense hours. Thank you to the Borough Assembly for holding this emergency meeting and keeping the safety of Petersburg residents at the forefront.

Bessie Johnson

**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Alice Williams <amwilliams4@alaska.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 3:24 PM  
**To:** Debra Thompson  
**Subject:** Todays meeting

Hi Debbie- is it too late to add this to the comments for today's meeting? Let me know, thanks!

Borough Assembly Members, I respectfully ask that you vote NO on ordinance 2021-19, and do not pass the Borough-wide masking mandate. In the past, the Borough covid mandates just caused more stress and division in our community, and were contentious issues for quite a while. I support Borough health advisories, or other community advisements to mitigate risk and provide safer public/work spaces, but I do not support this mandate. Thank you and please vote no on this ordinance.

Alice Williams

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**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Sarah Holmgrain <sholmgrain@pcsd.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 3:51 PM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Community Masking

Assembly,

First I want to thank you for your time, effort, and service to Petersburg. As board member of the Petersburg School District Board of Education, a parent of two students, and one grandchild, I urge you to take some of the pressure off our students, our staff, and the PMC staff, and temporarily institute a mask mandate community wide for when people are indoors in areas open to the public or club membership (such as the Moose and Elks).

I don't think some in our community realize that our schools staff and PMC staff are nearly at their breaking point due to the extensive extra time and work involved. This is our second outbreak since the beginning of school. We cannot sustain this train much longer.

We desperately want to keep the school doors open and the staff at both the District and PMC from exhaustion and burnout. If a temporary mask mandate is enough to stem the tide then the minor discomfort of wearing a mask seems a small price to pay.

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Sarah Holmgrain, President  
Petersburg School District Board of Education  
[www.pcsd.us](http://www.pcsd.us)

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**From:** Scott May <mays2121@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 4:54 PM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Cc:** Bridget Wittstock  
**Subject:** Mask Testimony

My name is Scott May, and I'm a proud new resident to Petersburg.

Thank you for the work you do, and the difficult decisions you make.

I too feel that masks ***should be required***. I've recently moved here from Juneau where I have just retired as a teacher for 35 years. I can directly address the issue of students wearing masks in schools since we returned to in-person teaching last Fall. From day one, masks have been and continue to be required by all people in all our schools at all times in Juneau. To my surprise, my students last year adapted and adjusted extremely well. While some didn't like it, they accepted it because we all knew that by wearing masks we were helping to keep ourselves and our friends safe. That continues to be the culture and the expectation in Juneau schools. While we know that masks are not 100% full proof in helping prevent the spread of the virus, we know that they do help some. And that was enough for us all to make this small sacrifice. I also want to say that as an athlete, I have always worn a face mask while running when the temperature is under 15 degrees. As a coach of 18 years (Track & Cross Country) I also know many other athletes that wear masks as part of training, and there is absolutely no truth to harmful effects from breathing with them.

Finally, I wish that the borough wouldn't need to come up with a mandate. However, if we continue to have people that are putting others at risk by not taking such a common sense and simple precaution, then I feel it is the *moral and ethical responsibility* of this body to impose a mask mandate so that those who feel their personal freedoms are more important than their neighbors health and possibly lives, will be compelled to do so. I further hope that as in other communities, there is some consequence for those who continue to put others at risk by choosing not to comply.

Thanks again for holding this meeting and taking our opinions.

**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** john <perhav@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 5:01 PM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** great job

As much as I hate to say this I'm really proud of you all on the meeting today and your unamious decision to mandate masking. You really do represent excellence in the petersburg community.

**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Anne Loesch <amlmom@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 6:22 PM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Thank you!

Thank you so much for passing the ordinance today. I'm sure hoping there isn't too much pushback.

Take care,  
Anne

**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Gary Aulbach <gaulbach@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 7, 2021 2:59 PM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate

11-7-2021

Greetings Assembly Members,

I would like to thank each and every one of you for passing the mask mandate last week. I would like to ask you to please make an effort to at least let people know that you are serious about what the mandate says. The same people who have refused to wear a mask in the past are still refusing to wear them now. I don't think you need to implement a fine but I do think that if you were to task the police department with some active educating of the public it could go a long way. I also think the different business owners should be asked to help people know that if they are inside their business then they need to wear a mask. If people refuse to wear a mask, the shop keepers can always refuse service to them, just as they can when people don't wear shoes, shirts, pants etc. In fact, people don't seem to mind when shop owners ask them to leave their backpacks at the door. For the Police Department, walking through the different businesses and just being seen could go a long way. If the officers were to see someone not wearing a mask , the conversation might go something like this. - "Hello sir/mam, how are you? Are you aware that the assembly passed a mandate that says you must wear a face covering while you are inside any building that is open to the public? We are hear to remind you that it was passed to help protect everybody in Petersburg from getting or transmitting covid-19. Our schools and medical staff are stretched to the limit right now and it is a community wide effort to help get our infected numbers down and to protect each other. We are only asking that you please do your part. If you absolutely do not want to wear a face covering, you may have a friend or relative or an employee of the business do your shopping for you so you do not have to enter the building."

That is just an example, I am sure the assembly or other officials could come up with a much better educational blurb.

Thank you for your time. I feel that if the Borough and the business owners do not work together than you might as well call off the mandate.

Thank you again.

Gary Aulbach

**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Randal Henderson <wn.randy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 7, 2021 3:37 PM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Cc:** Stephen Giesbrecht  
**Subject:** Masking

Greetings,

I support your vote to re-institute the masking policy city-wide.

After listening to the testimony from many school and health care leaders I am willing to do what I can to help keep our schools open and support our health care professionals as they do their best to continue providing the best care possible for all who are in need.

However as I did my shopping and conducted business about town this weekend, masked up, I was disappointed to see a large number of citizens coming and going out of stores and other public buildings without any regard for their fellow friends and neighbors by ignoring the recent masking rules.

I feel that local businesses are not doing their part by requiring customers to be masked in order to enter establishments and be served. Is there no way to encourage enforcement of this mask mandate? If not, why did you waste your time voting it in? I think some form of fine levied on a business that does not enforce the masking may be helpful.

I just got home from a month in Washington state, and ALL businesses were enforcing their mask rules, some even having a person standing at the door ensuring all who entered were properly masked. I would think that a business would want to encourage mask use to help protect their employees from transmission of Covid.

Any way to encourage people and businesses to respect the masking rules, for the good of the community, would certainly have my backing. In the past the police chief stated that he would rather 'educate' than issue citations. I am wondering what the department has done to 'educate' the public about masking? I have seen no evidence that they have done anything. Maybe it's time to start issuing citations, with fines, so that our schools and health care workers are given the respect that they deserve.

Regards,

Randal Henderson



**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Malena Marvin <malena.marvin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 7:38 AM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Thank you for passing mask ordinance

Dear Petersburg Assembly,

Just wanted to thank you for supporting the community by passing a mask mandate. Your leadership is appreciated by so many of us in these super challenging times.

Please work with our police department and, to the extent it is possible, our local businesses in ensuring your decisions are taken seriously throughout the community.

Again, thank you so much for your leadership!

Malena

Malena Marvin  
907.957.1007

## Debra Thompson

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**From:** Tom Abbott <teabbott@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:08 PM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Cc:** sgeisbrecht@petersburgak.gov  
**Subject:** Enforcement of masking mandate

Petersburg Assembly and Steve,

Thank you for your work and your service especially through this difficult time of a challenging public health crisis in our community. I applaud you for your decisive move to declare a mandate requiring the wearing of a mask for all choosing to enter any building in the borough which is open to the public. Many in our community are vulnerable to serious illness should they contract COVID, some elderly, some with co-morbidities. We know from listening to medical experts and public health bulletins that wearing a mask inside public spaces will reduce the potential for harming others.

It has become clear that many in our community are following the advice of public health bulletins, yet unfortunately, others still do not.

The business community has responded admirably in these times, quickly changing daily operations, offering delivery or curbside services. However, many in the community refuse to take advantage of these opportunities and still enter inside public spaces without wearing a mask.

How do they know the person next to them is not undergoing treatment for illness at our medical center? What if that person is going to the home of a neighbor, shut-in with an illness? So many variables as to why wearing a mask is the simplest way to reduce risk.

My suggestion is a short-term attempt to enforce the mask mandate in an effort to bring this current public health spike in positive COVID cases under control. Borough funds received for COVID related needs and not yet expensed could be invested in this effort.

Modeling the airport testing employment opportunities in place months ago: hire local residents to monitor the more publicly populated buildings.

Examples being - grocery stores, the post office, hardware...

The hired monitors would have the authority to stop folks from entering the building if they refused to wear a mask.

Again, accommodations may be made to provide products or services without entering. Personal liberties may be diminished in the common good of the public health. This has been proven to be true countless times in the history of our republic. It has been upheld time and again in the courts. In our small, wonderful community, we can do this and with expediency return to more normal times.

Again, thank you for your service. Thank you for your consideration and your time.

Sincerely,  
Tom Abbott

Sent from my iPad

**Debra Thompson**

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**From:** Anne Loesch <amlmom@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:48 PM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Disappointed

I once again want to reiterate my wholehearted support of having a face covering mandate in place. Even with this in place, we all have seen people ignore it.

This morning a well known person in town told me it was her right not to wear a mask after I requested she wear it in our store.

I'm flabbergasted and disappointed that someone thinks it's their right to ignore a public health emergency order but even more so to be disrespectful of me and my staff.

Thank you,  
Anne Loesch