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**Subject:** Regarding the Proposed Changes to the Emergency Order

Hi, I'm Dana Thynes, and I'm writing to inform you of my position regarding the proposed changes to Petersburg's Emergency Ordinance.

What is there in this ordinance that would stop unconstitutional actions, such as rounding up firearms, to "protect the peace?" Or rounding up your children and removing them to foster care, if parents test positive for an infectious virus deemed a threat to the community? How many of these nation-wide and local Emergency Orders pass the constitutional test? I do hear rumblings of lawsuits against cities, states, and Public Health bodies over these shut-down orders.

Yet, Paragraph 3.72.040 of the proposed new amendment reads "Any proclamation issued pursuant to this Chapter shall have the force of law and shall supersede any conflicting provisions of law during an emergency."

Does that include the Bill of Rights? The Second Amendment, our right to bear arms? The First Amendment - our right to assemble, and to speak freely? We, the people, must have input and public discourse. We have been ignored.

I suggest that the Emergency Ordinance provide for a VOLUNTEER Advisory Citizens Group, that could give input for decisions to be made in cases where time allowed.

Why? In the event of a long-term, ongoing crisis such as we are experiencing currently, the authorities who HAVE been relied upon have shown themselves to be UNWORTHY of our trust.

These Public Health figures have shown themselves to be timid, incapable of thinking on their own, or unwilling to move with the data. They only seem capable of complying with TOP-DOWN guidelines, made by people just as prone to corruption as any of us.

The Centers for Disease Control, for example, would STILL be conducting the TUSKEGEE STUDY if public pressure had not finally come to bear on them and their secret, decades-old trial that ruined the lives of many black families.

These public health officers claim the MANTLE OF SCIENCE, but actually conduct their policies based on fear and emotion...

FOR EXAMPLE, their current guideline advising healthy Americans to wear masks, is DANGEROUS to HEALTH.

There is NO MASK that can prevent the passage of a virus, and there are NO STUDIES that prove masks can stop viral passage. Yet, our authorities, after vacillating back and forth for months, have finally settled that we might as well wear these PETRI DISHES on our faces. Dr. Anne Zink, Alaska's Voice of Public Health, says SHE wears a mask for kindness and community. This non-scientific recommendation has turned friend against friend, and sister against sister.

And again, though the death rate attributed to COVID-19 has dropped, now we are supposed to be concerned about CASE NUMBERS. Why? WHY?

So as this current scenario drags on and on and on, our Emergency Commander would be appealing to these Public Health people for guidance, looking to authorities instead of to meaningful data and common sense. And all they would

ever be able to advise is, "Let's be safe. We must stay safe. Let's do the safest thing."

While out in the real world, suicide rates rise as much as 400%, children & families fall into depression, and businesses and dreams DIE.

All these Public Health people are VERY NICE - but they don't seem to be able to make hard decisions, nor buck the propaganda and misinformation coming from on high.

In a letter to the borough assembly this week, local clinic CEO, Phil Hofstetter, advises us that having different opinions is "confusing" and "distracting." Excuse me? We're Americans, not children.

And though he concedes that "the information will change," - as in, new and different data comes in - he seems to be saying that differing from the official narrative is politically polarizing. If that's so, then this is the first virus in history to have a party affiliation.

Ms. Michael, a Public Health Nurse, writes that this disaster won't be over until a vaccine appears, or better treatments are widely available. There are many working treatments, it's just that the federal agencies don't want to use them. We've seen their trials against hydroxychloroquine get pulled and declared fraudulent, more than once.

I don't want my life run by "experts" who can't see the forest for the trees.

Therefore, I propose that any future Emergency Commander has access to a Volunteer Advisory Committee of concerned citizens -- not appointees, but volunteers from which he or she could draw ideas and insights and solutions in times of crisis, and whose perspective would be broader than the narrow field of Public Health.

Instead of "Let's only do the safest thing," let's study how to be FREE.

Thank you,

Dana Thynes