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To Whomever it may concern, I am writing this to express my opinion and concern over Ordinance 2020-08. The language in it is very concerning within the scope of the issue it is being revised for- namely Covid-19. Or any other emergency for that matter.

We all have watched our world as we know it turn upside down in direct relation to peoples reactions to this. Governors and Mayors across the United States taking power into their hands and acting in ways that most Americans wouldn't have been able to envision.

Arbitrary enforcement such as "NO buying paint or seeds, Michigan governor Gretchen Whitmer," or " Orgeon Govenor Kate Brown issuing an order in June for masking in 7 counties but residents of color were exempt from the rule.

These crazy examples and many, many more are what worry me and others.

The language in this ordinance giving the incident commander AND his designee (whomever he chooses) the power at will to create enforceable laws that superseded our existing laws is a frightening thing.

We have already lost so much. Businesses have collapsed, kids have been stuck at home (some not in good situations) no school, no sports ect..

Everyone has already given of our lives. We have changed how we shop, interact and go about our routines. The rate of Covid in our town is proof that we the people of Petersburg have flattened the curve here.

It only makes sense that with increased testing and the influx of people to our town this summer there is a couple more cases.

It had been MONTHS and we see no community spread.

Because of the extreme polarization that Covid has brought to our community any kind of ordinance like this MUST be held up with strong supports of accountability of which I see none written into the ordinance.

No matter how good of a character a person has when someone or specifically when a group of people are given this kind of power such as the language that is written in this ordinance; there needs to be accountability. Strong supports of checks and balances.

We the people of Petersburg should be included into this kind of check and balance system.

"We must error on the side of Freedom of Choice and Trust vs Control and authority. One fosters support and appreciation and the other fosters fear and dis-cord." -J Thynes

To leave us a voice.

Regarding masks:

The scientific evidence mounts daily that masks in the public sector do not help, prevent or stop the spread of COVID. In fact opposit evidence is daily showing the harm that masking brings.

Also daily grows the division between the people about this issue.

No school, ballet, Park and Rec, baseball, co-op, library, the list goes on...

We know how to wash our hands and not stand close to someone. We know that our immune systems must have viruses to build and keep us healthy.

We for sure know how to keep the vulnerable safe as we always have.

To tell us we MUST wear a mask when the science has shown that they are ineffective at best is ridiculous. To tell us that we must mask our little ones is unacceptable.

To say we are selfish is ludicrous!

There is such a divide in our community over this that the hate fly's daily online. Censorship happens regularly and no one who differs from the narrative that "masks save lives" even feels SAFE here in Petersburg anymore to express a different view.

This is our HOME. Adding ordinances and mandates in top of this highly hateful political atmosphere is not going to better it or make us safer.

And isn't SAFETY what its all about?

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