

## Debra Thompson

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**From:** Dana Thynes <danathynes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 10:07 AM  
**To:** Debra Thompson; Dana Thynes  
**Subject:** Public Opinion "Petition" to the Assembly  
**Attachments:** Petition for Petersburg Assembly PDF final 9-2.pdf

Hi, Debra,

Attached, please find the unofficial "petition" form that has been circulating around town for 2 weeks, and this cover letter:

Mayor Mark Jensen and Borough Assembly Members  
Petersburg Borough Assembly  
PO Box 329  
Petersburg, AK 99833

September 2020

RE: Proposed Ordinance #2020-19

Dear Mayor Jensen and Petersburg Borough Leaders,

There are many voices you have not heard related to the ordinance now in third reading and set for a vote. Not everyone is comfortable calling into a public forum, writing a letter to the editor, or trying to get a private meeting with you. But there are concerns.

What follows is NOT a referendum on those who have led the way on this latest challenge with CoVid-19 responses. People have been quick to say that XXX is a nice guy or XXX has served the town for XXX years. There is much appreciation for the work done and the time devoted. However, as a ruling body in voting for the current Ordinance #2020-19 that codifies tremendous powers in the hands of one or a few, that vote must be considered as if you are handing these powers not to those you know and trust...but as if giving those powers to your worst political adversary, the person or people with whom you most disagree, your grandest enemy, and those you don't trust or respect. That's what law does.

As written Ordinance 2020-19 is an overreach that has what could be frightening consequences. Some of what would be allowed in that wording has now been ruled unconstitutional in a recent case by a Federal judge from the Western District of Pennsylvania. An article about that 66-page judgement is attached. Within it Judge Stickman says: "Even a vigilant public may let down its guard over its constitutional

liberties only to find that liberties, once relinquished, are hard to recoup.” That voices some of the concerns I hear on the streets of Petersburg.

In asking that Ordinance 2020-19 be nullified in its entirety...it is not to leave the town without a plan...but to have a plan that is fitting for Petersburg, Alaska and not something highjacked from a city in California or wherever it came from...in a copy-and-paste that is offensive in a town that has always pulled together in both good times and in challenge.

With more awareness in the public now in what Ordinance 2020-19 can mean, let's go back to the drawing board and create something that is appropriate for our town. And let's keep in mind while developing a better plan than is currently in place that, as Dr. Peter Breggin has said: “The US Constitution and the Bill of Rights are INTENDED FOR emergencies, not EXPENDABLE DURING emergencies.” We can clarify lines of communication without giving up liberties we won't get back.

For now, we present signature pages with the expressed position asking that you please vote down Ordinance 2020-19 in its entirety.

Always,

Judy Ohmer

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**We, the undersigned citizens of Petersburg, hold that the proposed ordinance #2020-19 should be nullified in its entirety.**

We believe that the people and our elected officials should be intimately involved in determining what constitutes an emergency in our community and the appropriate actions needed in such an event.

We believe that ultimately a vote of the people must be called if any invasive actions, limitations, restrictions, penalties, or mandates of any kind be proposed.

We believe that existing Chapter 3.72, as adopted under Ordinance 899-3 in 2006, is adequate to address emergency preparedness and emergency services for our Borough; while it is imperfect, it has provided sufficient direction, up to and including the current 2020 situation. The proposed ordinance is not an improvement, is not necessary, and can endanger civil liberties.

We ask that you hear us and VOTE TO COMPLETELY DISCARD Emergency Ordinance 2020-19.

Printed Name

**Signature**

## Physical Address

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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