



PETERSBURG BOROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATE #04
(Face Coverings)

In order to limit the transmission of COVID-19 by those who have the virus but are asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic, both the CDC and the Alaska DHSS (Health Alert #010) are now recommending the wearing of cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. Accordingly, due to this ongoing public health emergency, it is in the best interest of the safety and health of Petersburg that these recommendations be followed and that cloth face coverings be worn in certain settings. The conditions of this Mandate are designed to provide the least necessary restrictions.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF PETERSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 3.72, THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY HEREBY ORDERS:

Except as provided herein, all persons are required to wear some form of covering over their nose and mouth, such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief, (1) when entering into or inside of any building open to the public or any building not open to the public when present for work purposes and in the company of co-workers, and (2) when outside of any building in situations where social distancing requirements with non-household members cannot be met, including without limitation, parking lots of buildings open to the public and Borough Harbor docks and floats.

This Mandate does not apply to young children under the age of two (2), or anyone with chronic pulmonary or breathing conditions.

Due to the nationwide shortage of medical supplies, the public should not use surgical masks or N-95 masks to fulfill the terms of this Mandate. For further instructions on face coverings, go to:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>; or

http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/SiteAssets/Pages/HumanCoV/SOA_04032020_HealthAlert010_ClothFaceCoverings.pdf

Effective Date and Duration. This Mandate shall be effective at 8:00 a.m. on April 21, 2020 and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m., on May 5, 2020, unless extended or earlier terminated.

Effective Area. This Mandate is applicable borough-wide.

Passed and Approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on April 20, 2020.

ATTEST:


Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk


Mark Jensen, Mayor