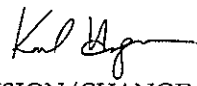

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR JENSEN AND BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
FROM: KARL HAGERMAN, EOC INCIDENT COMMANDER 
SUBJECT: BOROUGH MANDATE #5 HARBOR ACCESS – EXTENSION/CHANGE REQUEST
DATE: 6/10/2020
CC: STEPHEN GIESBRECHT, MANAGER
DEBRA THOMPSON, CLERK

Local Mandate #5 has been in place for a couple of months now. Its purpose is to assert our local control of the port and harbor and to manage any infection threats from COVID-19 that may be carried in by water based travelers. As the season has progressed, multiple cruise operations have decided to forgo summer operations in light of the pandemic, but some are still trying to make a season of it. The passengers seem to be booking trips and many operations will operate at reduced capacity to lessen risks. Lessening risks is a positive step, but the risk still exists for an infection event or outbreak to occur. There are also other types of water based travel operations that could bring out of state travelers into our harbor and community.

With this knowledge and the recent changes to State Health Mandate 10, I have some suggested amendments to Mandate #5. See below.

- The applicability of the mandate should expand to include all travelers entering the borough port who are subject to State Mandate 10, including without limitation all cruise, charter and yacht flotilla operations. Commercial fishing vessels are excluded.
- All crew or passengers must strictly abide by the requirements of the current State Mandate 10. Test results for any pre-travel or post-travel PCR tests shall be available when the vessel enters the port.
- The Health Officer will retain control over the ability of crew and/or passengers to disembark from the vessel.
- Upon questioning by the Health Officer, if any crew member or passenger has experienced or is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, the entire population of the vessel will not be allowed to disembark into the community. The operator of the vessel must arrange for medical attention.
- If any crew or passenger is known to be positive for COVID-19, the operation's owner must arrange for isolation, quarantine of close contacts, medical care and medivac of the affected persons. Assistance from the Petersburg Medical Center cannot be guaranteed. A known positive case among a group of travelers, passenger manifest or crew will result in the entire population of the vessel to be denied the ability to disembark in Petersburg. Fueling, water fill-up and grocery delivery may still occur.
- The Mandate should be extended to coincide with the expiration or substantial change to State Health Mandate 10.

With the advent of the new testing requirements of the State to enter Alaska, these suggested changes fall back to a position of protection that is at a most basic level. If the crew and passenger list has been tested, receiving regular screening and are healthy, they may be allowed to disembark and visit our businesses. If there are any signs of COVID-19, or a known positive, on board they will not be allowed to disembark without strict medical intervention and oversight for those who are seriously ill.

Thank you for your consideration.