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**From:** bkcbell@gmail.com  
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**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** 2020-19 and masks

Hello Assembly Members,

I am writing this because I'm very concerned about your potential ordinance 2020-19. I urge you to reconsider and not vote for this ordinance in its present form. I've heard members say there are "checks and balances" but the bottom line is your ordinance would make it possible for a single, unelected official to make laws that would supersede the laws voted in by a governing body chosen by the people. This should never be allowed in our country. Please consider making changes or throw this thing out.

Also, I understand you will be discussing mandatory masking and I would like to take this opportunity to voice my opposition against any attempt to force masks on the citizens of Petersburg. This COVID thing just doesn't pack the fear it did a couple months ago. If you ignore all the hype and just look at honest numbers it isn't any scarier than the seasonal flu. A lot of folks have had their fill of being told how to live and in my opinion trying to force masks on people would do a lot more damage in our town than the virus ever could.

Thanks for all you do.

Mike Bell

Sent from my iPhone