

## PETERSBURG BOROUGH

### ORDINANCE #2019-10

#### AN ORDINANCE UPDATING CHAPTER 3.10 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, ENTITLED “PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETINGS”, TO REFLECT BOROUGH INCORPORATION

**Whereas**, on January 3, 2013 the Election Division for the State of Alaska certified the election results of the December 18, 2012 incorporation election for the Petersburg Borough, and

**Whereas**, the certified election confirmed the incorporation of the Petersburg Borough and dissolved the City of Petersburg, and

**Whereas**, Petersburg Borough Charter, Section 19.06 requires all ordinances, resolutions, regulations, orders and rules in effect for the former City of Petersburg to continue in full force and effect within the Petersburg Borough, Service Area 1, until expressly reaffirmed, revised or repealed by the assembly.

**Therefore, the Petersburg Borough Ordains**, Chapter 3.10, as set out below, is hereby adopted as a borough ordinance.

**Section 1. Classification:** This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall be codified in the Petersburg Municipal Code.

**Section 2. Purpose:** The purpose of this ordinance is to update the language of the chapter to reflect borough incorporation.

**Section 3. Substantive Provisions:** Chapter 3.10 of the former Petersburg City Code, with amendments as noted herein, is hereby adopted as a Borough ordinance and shall read as follows:

#### Chapter 3.10 – PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETINGS

##### Sections:

3.10.010      **Required.**  
3.10.020      **Publication.**

##### 3.10.010 - Required.

Reasonable public notice shall be given of all ~~city-council~~ city-borough governmental meetings, including regular and special meetings of the ~~city-council~~ borough assembly, school and hospital boards, and all meetings of subordinate units of the above public entities, including commissions, committees, boards, subcommittees, and organizations, advisory or otherwise, that are supported in whole or in part by public money or authorized to spend public money. Staff meetings and other gatherings of employees of these public entities are expressly exempt from public noticing of meetings.

### 3.10.020 - Publication.

- A. Reasonable public notice for regular scheduled meetings is given if a statement containing the date, time and place of all regular meetings is published twice annually in a newspaper of general circulation within the ~~city-borough~~ or electronically on the borough's website in combination with at least one social media site, and by posting the annual regular meeting schedule at the principal place of business of the public entity.
- B. Reasonable public notice for special meetings, or for public entities that do not maintain a regular meeting schedule, is given if a statement containing the date, time, place and topic to be discussed at a meeting is published at least three business days prior to the meeting. Publishing for these types of meetings is by posting notice of the meeting at the principal place of business of the public entity and by providing written notice to the available local media (radio, television or newspapers) for posting or announcing, or electronically on the borough's website in combination with at least one social media site. Issues of greater public importance, except for emergency meetings, should be published for at least five business days prior to the meeting.
- C. Emergency Meetings. An emergency meeting of the ~~city-council~~ borough assembly, school board or hospital board may be held for a public emergency affecting life, health, welfare or property. Public notice as is reasonable under the circumstances shall be given.

**Section 4. Severability:** If any provision of this ordinance or any application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

**Section 5. Effective Date:** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage.

Passed and approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly, Petersburg, Alaska this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debra K. Thompson, Clerk

Adopted:  
Noticed:  
Effective: