

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH
ORDINANCE #2019-07**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.08.150 OF PETERSBURG BOROUGH CODE TO
OUTLINE A PROCEDURE FOR ADDRESSING THE ASSEMBLY BY WRITTEN COMMENT
AT A PUBLIC MEETING**

WHEREAS, current Borough Code does not outline a procedure for addressing the Assembly by written comment at a public meeting.

THEREFORE, THE PETERSBURG BOROUGH ORDAINS, Petersburg Municipal Code Section 3.08.150 is hereby amended to outline a procedure for addressing the Assembly by written comment at a public meeting.

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 amend the Borough Code Section 3.08.150, titled Assembly Meetings – Addressing the Assembly, to outline a procedure for addressing the Assembly by written comment at a public meeting.

Section 3. Substantive Provisions: Section 3.08.150 of the Petersburg Borough Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows (The language proposed for deletion is struck through and the language proposed for addition is in red text):

3.08.150 – Assembly meetings – Addressing the Assembly.

- A. Any person desiring to address the borough assembly shall have the right to address the assembly upon first being recognized by the presiding officer.
- B. Each person addressing the assembly shall give their name and who they represent in an audible tone of voice and unless further time is granted by the assembly presiding officer or the assembly, shall limit the address to five minutes. All remarks shall be addressed to the assembly as a body and not to any individual assembly member. No one shall be permitted to enter into any discussion without the permission of the presiding officer.
- C. When any group wishes to address the assembly on the same subject matter, the presiding officer may request a spokesman be chosen by the group to address the assembly.
- D. When a person wishes to address the assembly by submittal of a written comment, under either **Persons to be Heard or the Public Hearing** on the topic of the comment, he or she may do so by submitting the written comment to the Borough Clerk for transmittal to the assembly in a meeting packet. If the person wishes to have the comment read into the record at the public meeting but is not in attendance at that meeting, he or she may request that ~~an assembly member or~~ another member of the public who will be in attendance at the meeting do so.
- ~~D~~E. After a public hearing has been closed and after a motion is made by the assembly, no one shall address the assembly on the topic of the hearing without first securing the permission of the presiding officer to do so.

EF. Anyone making personal, impertinent or slanderous remarks, or who becomes boisterous or profane while addressing the assembly, shall be barred from further attendance at the meeting unless permission to continue is granted by a majority vote of the assembly.

Section 5. Severability: If any provision of this ordinance or any application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and application to any person and circumstance shall not be affected.

Section 6. Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective immediately after the date of its passage.

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

Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk

Adopted:
Noticed:
Effective: