

To the Petersburg Borough Assembly,

July 15, 2020

RE: PETERSBURG BOROUGH ORDINANCE # 2020-19, Amending Borough Code Chapter 3.72

I sincerely appreciate the hard work and dedication of the Mayor, Assembly, Borough Manager, Borough Department Heads, all the citizens that serve the borough on the various committees, work groups and all who have given their time and hard work to make Petersburg a wonderful place to live. *The fall out from Covid 19 has added a lot more work and stress on all of us. The Borough Manager and the Borough Department heads have been doing a terrific job and should be commended for how they have upped their game with the added responsibilities they have been saddled with, to date.*

I was born and raised in Petersburg, besides being a tax paying Citizen of the Borough of Petersburg, I am a Christian who believes in the 10 Commandments, a voting US Citizen who believes in the US Constitution and Bill of Rights. Today I reach out to you about my concerns of the new amendments suggested to provide for the Civil Emergency Provisions.

We are in new times, that call for new measures, we currently need to think out side of the box and continue to learn from history. I strongly object to specific sections of the suggested new amendments, and the threat it poses to our rights as citizens of the the United States. My strongest objection is with the **wording, definition and consequences concerning "Incident Commander" as currently structured within the amendments.**

3.72.005

Definition of Incident Commander:

I do not believe that one person should ever hold this much power. **If ever** there was any individual or group allowed to hold this much power, it should only be by election of the citizens, never ever should it be hired borough personal or an appointment by a hired official or department head. Again anyone with this much power should be elected by the people for the people.

To get this suggested amendment concept into perspective **Lets imagine that throughout the amended ordinance we replace the title of "Incident Commander or borough manager" with the title of "Hitler".** Now re-read the Ordinance using the title **Hitler**. Hopefully that will give you a new prospective for potential misuse of Power?

3.72.040

For example, the first paragraph of 3.72.040 would read: Pursuant to the authority granted hereunder and in Alaska Statue 26.23.140, whenever **Hitler** determines that a civil emergency exists, **Hitler** may declare by proclamation the existence of the emergency. Any proclamation issued Pursuant to this Chapter shall have the the force of law and **shall supersede any conflicting provision of law during an emergency declared pursuant to this Chapter.**

Please think again before you agree to allow **one** unelected or elected person the control Hitler had. Lets not repeat history and the consequences this action could bring.

Please consider a Civil Emergency Board or Committee elected by the people for the people who would work with the Assembly and the City Manager (whom both already have specific duties) to decide as a unit how we should move forward when presented with Civil Emergencies.

Sincerely and with respect to all,

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