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**Subject:** I support Ordinance 2020-19 with one exception

Dear Assembly members;

I support most of the changes proposed in Ordinance 2020-19 with the exception of eliminating the word "pandemic" from the Ordinance. A pandemic is well defined in the dictionary and speaks specifically to a condition the world is currently facing. Ignoring this word won't make this worldwide pandemic go away.

I also support the proposed changes to the Ordinance so that necessary actions may be taken as needed by the Borough Manager or designated Incident Command Officer to protect the health and safety of our community.

I applaud the actions taken by many businesses to emphasize physical distancing, encouraging the use of face masks, and to provide services (take-out or shopping) to accommodate our shared need to minimize contact between people at this time. That being said, there are still some in this community that ignore the need to observe these "voluntary" steps that may be putting others at risk.

I was shopping recently at a store that had clearly marked a waiting distance on the floor to allow for space between customers. As I was purchasing my items, a person (not wearing a face mask as I was) walked past this mark to stand immediately behind me. I asked him to please give me space for my purchase but he stood there without regard to my request. It was only after I used cruder language telling him I didn't approve of him being so close that he finally stepped back to give me space. If these kinds of actions continue I may have to do more shopping online to avoid conflicts like this.

My wife and I considered ourselves vulnerable for this virus as we are older and health conditions. Until there is a vaccine, we need everyone to act responsibly and considerately towards each other. Knowing that the death rate from this virus is growing lower because the medical profession is learning how to treat this better doesn't put me at ease. The United States has lost almost 130,000 people, has almost 3 million people infected, and is seeing a dramatic growth in both numbers. Now is not the time to put ourselves at ease or to nitpick what one study says over another. The proof of the problem is demonstrated in the headlines every day.

Some people who don't wish to follow the advice of medical experts speak to "their" freedoms. I'll note that in the first paragraph of the Constitution addresses the need to provide for "the protection of the general welfare"; well before any "individual" rights are discussed in the Amendments to the Constitution.

I thank the Assembly and Borough Staff for doing such a good job so far. Please do not shy away from your responsibilities to do what's right for our community. We are trying to live through a pandemic. Call it by it's name.

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