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Mayor Jensen, Clerk Thompson,

I appreciated the Assembly discussion at the meeting today (15 July 2020) on Ordinance 2020-19.

Shouldn't the wording in Ordinance 2020-19 be more descriptive, hence MORE RESTRICTIVE and MORE PREVENTATIVE of over-reach or abuse of authority, rather than reverting back to the original City Ordinance? I mean, isn't LESS confusion during an emergency what the Borough is striving for?

Having the chain of command with the limits of authority spelled out in advance of need instead of making it up on the go, either by the community's designated Emergency Response Team/Coordinator, or by a 'spur of the moment' ad-hoc committee of unelected residents, seems a whole lot more desirable to me. In fact, both of those scenarios seem entirely unacceptable. The recent submissions of public comments on our local COVID-19 should highlight the case as to how confusion will make any response ineffective if not outright nonexistent.

If the Assembly doesn't (or can't) pass a clearly and concisely worded Ordinance, with wisdom and foresight of the current and potential future emergencies in mind, then this Community is in trouble.

I don't see any negative issues with Ordinance 2020-19 as passed by the Assembly today with Member Lynn's amendment. I hope it passes in its third reading.

That's my 2 cents.

Thanks,
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