1. Call To Order/Roll Call

2. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

   Persons wishing to share their views on any item on today's agenda may do so at this time.

3. New Business

   A. Petersburg Borough Public Health Alert #01

      Attachments: Petersburg Borough Public Health Alert #01

      If approved, Public Health Alert #01 strongly urges citizens to shelter in place as much as possible and to take steps to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 as outlined in the Alert.

4. Adjourn
PETERSBURG BOROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT #01

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Borough Assembly, in cooperation and coordination with the Petersburg Emergency Operations Center (EOC), is committed to minimizing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Petersburg’s residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has generated a global public health emergency that will quickly overwhelm Petersburg’s health care system and resources if it is not prevented by any means possible; and

WHEREAS, Governor Dunleavy has implemented several health mandates such as closure of schools, services and businesses, that help to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the citizens of the Petersburg Borough follow guidance put in place by other communities that are experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, a Borough advisory to shelter in place and limit community activities as much as possible will serve to protect the public health and wellbeing of all citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Petersburg Borough Assembly and Petersburg EOC is declaring a local “Shelter in Place” health alert that strongly urges citizens of the Borough to:

1. Shelter in place inasmuch as possible to prepare for and mitigate the severity of a COVID-19 outbreak in Petersburg.

2. If healthy and not symptomatic, make limited trips to open stores to buy food and domestic supplies without lingering in areas where other people are shopping. Observe excellent hygiene if out of the home, including hand washing or hand sanitizing whenever possible.

3. Practice social distancing whenever in company of other people and maintain at least 6 feet of separation inasmuch as possible.

4. Conduct business via telephone or electronic means as much as possible, including performing work from home via electronic means.

5. To the extent possible, and by sole decision of business owners, for the next 14 days, non-essential businesses are urged to either temporarily close to the public or take measures to limit interactions between employees and the public.

Essential businesses include but are not limited to: grocery stores, hardware stores, healthcare operations (hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, mental health care providers, assisted living facilities), transportation services businesses, communication service businesses, gas stations, banks, insurance companies,
service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and operation of residences and critical business, childcare facilities providing services to persons performing critical or emergency services, and restaurants and bars that prepare and serve food and beverages, but only under the restrictions laid out in the SOA health mandate 003.

6. If returning to Petersburg from any other community, self-isolate within your home for 14 days to contain any possible COVID-19 transmission to other Petersburg residents.

7. If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop symptoms, including fever, cough or difficulty breathing, call the Petersburg Medical Center hotline at 772-5788 to seek medical advice and guidance. If you are sick or suspect that you may be infected with the COVID-19 virus, you should take steps to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

8. Follow all health mandates and alerts issued by Governor Dunleavy, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Passed and Approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on March 22, 2020.

Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk