1. Call To Order/Roll Call

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes
   
   There are no minutes available for approval.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

5. Public Hearings

6. Bid Awards

   A. 2020 Sand Bid

      **Attachments:** [PW Director Cotta Memo](#)  
      [2020 Sand Bid Tabulation Form](#)

      Public Works Director Cotta is recommending award of the winter sand bid to Rock-N-Road Construction for an amount not to exceed $57,000. The approved FY2021 Streets Department budget includes $60,000 for this expense.

7. 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.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda
   
   Persons with views on subjects not on today's agenda may share those views at this time.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

10. Consent Agenda
A. Appointment of Julie Walker to the Local Emergency Planning Committee

*Attachments:* J. Walker LEPC Application

PMC CEO Letter re LEPC Hospital Seat

Petersburg’s Local Emergency Planning Committee is requesting Assembly approval to appoint Julie Walker, who is employed as Petersburg Medical Center’s Community Wellness Specialist, to the Committee’s Hospital seat previously held by Laurie Miller, who has moved away.

B. THE 420 Retail Marijuana Store License Renewal

*Attachments:* THE 420 Renewal Application Notice

THE 420 has applied with the Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office for a retail marijuana store license renewal. The Assembly may support or protest the application. A protest may not be arbitrary, capricious or unreasonable.

C. SEA*WEED FARMS Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility License Renewal

*Attachments:* SEA WEED FARMS Renewal Application Notice

SEA*WEED FARMS has applied with the Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office for a standard marijuana cultivation facility license renewal. The Assembly may support or protest the application. A protest may not be arbitrary, capricious or unreasonable.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. SEAPA Update

Assembly and SEAPA Board Member Lynn will provide an update on SEAPA activities.

12. Mayor’s Report

A. September 8, 2020 Mayor’s Report

*Attachments:* September 8, 2020 Mayor's Report

13. Manager’s Report

A. September 8, 2020 Manager’s Report

*Attachments:* September 8, 2020 Manager's Report

14. Unfinished Business

15. New Business
A. Resolution #2020-15: A Resolution Approving the Expenditure of $608,345 from the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund for Petersburg Medical Center Personnel Costs, Technology Equipment for Home Health, Rapid Testing Equipment and Supplies, and Therapeutic Exercise Equipment for Long Term Care in Response to the Continuing COVID-19 Health Emergency

   **Attachments:** Resolution #2020-15

   Resolution #2020-15, if approved by the Assembly, will provide $608,345 to the Petersburg Medical Center from the Borough's CARES Act special revenue fund to help alleviate the costs associated with the continuing COVID-19 health emergency.

B. Resolution #2020-16: A Resolution Approving the Expenditure of $500,000 from the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund for Economic Support to Businesses Harmed by the Continuing COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

   **Attachments:** Resolution #2020-16, C&ED Director Cabrera Memo

   If adopted, Resolution #2020-16 will provide $500,000 of the Borough's CARES Act special revenue fund for economic support to local businesses harmed by the continuing COVID-19 public health emergency.

C. Resolution #2020-17: A Resolution Approving the Expenditure of $65,000 from the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund for Emergency Financial Assistance to Families Needing New or Additional Childcare Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

   **Attachments:** Resolution #2020-17, Funding Request and Eligibility Requirements, K. Holmlund Support Letter, Chamber Support Letter, OBI Support Letter, PMC Support Letter, Q&A re Funding Request

   Resolution #2020-17, if approved, will appropriate $65,000 from the Borough's CARES Act special revenue fund for emergency financial assistance to families needing new or additional childcare due to the continuing COVID-19 public health emergency.

D. Sale of Borough-owned Property at 705 Ira II Street

   **Attachments:** K. Holtzinger Property Bid, THRHA Property Bid

   On September 2, 2020, Clerk Thompson opened two sealed bids for the 705 Ira II property:

   Kathleen Holtzinger - $40,101
   Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority - $40,501

   If approved by the Assembly, the Borough will sell the property to THRHA for $40,501.
E. 2020 Salmon Season Economic Disaster Request

Attachments: Southeast Salmon Fishing Disaster 2020

If approved, the Borough Assembly will send a letter to Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development Commissioner Anderson and Governor Dunleavy requesting immediate action to declare Southeast Alaska an area impacted by an economic disaster based on the 2020 salmon fishing season.

F. Letter of Support for Petersburg Medical Center's Grant Applications for COVID-19 Emergency Funds

Attachments: Letter of Support for PMC

Petersburg Medical Center is pursuing various funding sources to cover some of their costs associated with COVID-19. If approved, PMC could use this letter of support from the Borough Assembly when applying for grants and other funding opportunities.

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since August 13, 2020

Attachments: PEDC 8.10.2020
S. Hoschar 8.14.2020
C. Mathisen 8.17.2020
R. Knight 8.17.2020
ADOT&PF 8.21.2020
J. Adams 8.25.2020
B. Tremblay 9.1.2020
D. Marsh 9.2.2020
J. Cheney 9.2.2020
J. Thynes 9.2.2020
V. Cooday 9.3.2020
B. & C. Caulum 9.3.2020
D. Thynes 9.3.2020

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Southeast Alaska Herring and Salmon Stock Decline

Assembly Member Meucci would like to discuss drafting a letter to our State and Federal Delegation requesting research of ocean conditions to determine the reason for the decline of herring and salmon stocks in Southeast Alaska.

B. Assembly Member Comments

C. Recognitions
A. Recognition of Randy Ruaro

*Attachments:* Thank you to Randy Ruaro

Mayor Jensen recognizes Randy Ruaro, who worked as Senator Stedman's Chief of Staff for many years.

18. Adjourn
Memorandum

August 31, 2020

To: Steve Giesbrecht, Borough Manager
From: Chris Cotta, Public Works Director
Re: 2020 Sand Bid Award

Earlier this month, Public Works solicited bids for winter traction sand. Base bid was for 1,000 tons, with an additive alternate of 500 tons. One bidder responded timely, as follows:

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The official bid tab form is attached to this memo for reference. Public Works recommends award of the 2020 sand bid to Rock-N-Road in the amount of $57,000. Funds for this purchase will come from the Street Materials portion of the approved FY2021 Streets budget, which includes $60,000 for sand.

If you agree with the above bid award recommendation, please forward it to the Borough Assembly for consideration at their next regular meeting on September 8th, 2020. Thank you.

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Chris Cotta  Public Works Director  
8/20/20

Derrick O'Soup, Administrative Asst.  
8/20/20
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP ON LEPC
(Please type or print legibly)

LEPC name: Petersburg Borough LEPC

Applicant name: Julie Walker

Mailing address: PO Box 1249, Petersburg AK 99833

Residence address: 561 Mitkof Highway, Petersburg AK 99833

Day phone: 503-358-4080 Home Phone (optional):

Where employed: Petersburg Medical Center Job title: Community Wellness Specialist

LEPC category/seat that applicant seeks: Hospital and/or Clinic

New applicant x Renewal Regular member Alternate member

Qualifications for this category:

I have previous experience as Emergency Preparedness Coordinator at Yamhill County Health Department in Oregon. FEMA ICS 100, 200, 300, 400, 800 training. The Emergency Preparedness Coordinator is part of Petersburg Medical Center's Community Wellness Specialist position.

Organizations in which applicant participates (that are pertinent to the application):

(Please provide enough information to demonstrate an applicant's eligibility or suitability for a particular seat on the LEPC. For the Public At Large position, please state whether an applicant qualifies for any other category on the LEPC.)

I hereby certify that the above information is correct and that I have not misrepresented myself.

Julie Walker 08/10/2020

Signature Date

August 7, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Laurie Miller no longer works at Petersburg Medical Center. Please remove her as the representative from Petersburg Medical Center serving on the Petersburg Borough LEPC. I am recommending Julie Walker replace Laurie and represent Petersburg Medical Center on the Petersburg Borough LEPC.

I appreciate your consideration regarding this matter. Please let me know if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Phil Holetetter, CEO
Petersburg Medical Center
August 20, 2020

Petersburg Borough
Attn: Borough Clerk
VIA Email: dthompson@petersburgak.gov
daikins@petersburgak.gov

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☒ License Renewal Application ☐ Endorsement Renewal Application

AMCO has received a complete renewal application and/or endorsement renewal application for a marijuana establishment within your jurisdiction. This notice is required under 3 AAC 306.035(c)(2). Application documents will be sent to you separately via ZendTo.

To protest the approval of this application pursuant to 3 AAC 306.060, you must furnish the director and the applicant with a clear and concise written statement of reasons for the protest within 60 days of the date of this notice, and provide AMCO proof of service of the protest upon the applicant.

3 AAC 306.060 states that the board will uphold a local government protest and deny an application for a marijuana establishment license unless the board finds that a protest by a local government is arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable. If the protest is a "conditional protest" as defined in 3 AAC 306.060(d)(2) and the application otherwise meets all the criteria set forth by the regulations, the Marijuana Control Board may approve the license renewal, but require the applicant to show to the board’s satisfaction that the requirements of the local government have been met before the director issues the license.

At the May 15, 2017, Marijuana Control Board meeting, the board delegated to me the authority to approve renewal applications with no protests, objections, or notices of violation. However, if a timely protest or objection is filed for this application, or if any notices of violation have been issued for this license, the board will consider the application. In those situations, a temporary license will be issued pending board consideration.

If you have any questions, please email amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov.
August 21, 2020

Petersburg Borough
Attn: Borough Clerk
VIA Email: dthompson@petersburgak.gov
daikins@petersburgak.gov

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Petersburg, AK 99833 |
| Designated Licensee:  | SUSAN J BURRELL |
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If you have any questions, please email amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov.
1. **Community Discussion on Proposed Ordinance #2020-19: An Ordinance Amending Borough Code Chapter 3.72 to Provide for Civil Emergency Provisions:**

The Petersburg Borough Assembly will host a Community Discussion for September 10, beginning at 4 p.m. on the subject of Ordinance 2020-19. The discussion will be telephonic. Interested persons may participate by calling 800-954-0633 just prior to 4:00 p.m.

The Borough will prepare answers/comments to questions and proposed changes submitted by the public by the September 3 deadline. The questions/answers document will be available by noon on Wednesday, September 9 on the Borough’s website and in hard copy format at the Municipal Building. The Assembly will also read the questions and answers during the Community Discussion.

The Borough Assembly, Attorney, Incident Commander Hagerman, PMC CEO Hofstetter and other selected Borough staff members will be present during the meeting. There will be oral presentations which will provide information regarding the Ordinance.

For more information, contact Clerk Thompson (dthompson@petersburgak.gov or 772-5405).

2. **2020 Petersburg Borough Municipal Election:** Our municipal election will be held in the Community Gym on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In-person absentee voting will be offered in the Municipal Building Training Room beginning on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 and will continue Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. through Friday, October 2. Absentee voting will end at noon on Monday, October 5.

Absentee voting is also offered by mail or by electronic submission.

By mail may be requested in person, by phone, by fax, or by written request (including email). The request must include the voter name, Borough residence address, one identifier (Alaska voter number, Alaska driver’s license number, date of birth, or last 4 of social security number), and mailing address where the ballot should be sent. The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is October 1, 2020.

Voters interested in absentee voting by electronic submission should contact Clerk Thompson for an application (dthompson@petersburgak.gov or 772-5405).
Starting Phase 2 of reopening at Parks & Rec. Phase 2 focuses on more evening swim times (something every evening - something for everyone!). It also involved moving equipment to Fitness Court and closing the mezzanine. This keeps the school kids safe from droplets coming down from the patrons working out on mezzanine and puts all the fitness equipment in one portion of the Community Center.

Upcoming Lifeguard class may already be filled! But if anyone is interested in class that is to be held (Sept 16-20th), please contact Stephanie Payne for seat availability.

Parks & Rec. is putting together a plan for fall Youth Basketball Program and looking into future programs. The challenge is finding available Community Gym time. We are working with the school, who currently has the gym reserved from 8 am until 6 pm, M-F.

Our Masters Swim coach, Scott Burt, is also the new VSC Head Coach - congratulations Scott! He will still be very active in our programs, as he is still on our staff.

Waiting for Ragnarök Rollers and Hockey to gain approval for their mitigation plans so they may use the gym again. The plan for Oktoberfest is also underway.

Finance has been undergoing our annual audit these last few weeks, and the contract property assessors are in town.

Jody continues to work with FEMA to develop a list of expenses that they will reimburse the Borough for that are related to COVID, and tracking CARES Act funds reporting which seems to change every few weeks.

Starting Sept 8, the library will be open expanded hours: Tues-Thurs 11-8, Fri & Sat 11-6.

The Rainforest Festival will be held Sept 10-13, all events are being held virtually this year. Information at www.akrainforestfest.org.

Two grants have been received to purchase material for the library collection. One from the State of Alaska ($7000) and another from the Institute for Museum and Library Services ($10,000 – in partnership with the Petersburg Indian Association).

Sandy has been filling in as the Incident Commander for Karl. She continues to work on other COVID-19 related stuff as well. We are hiring a few more temporary employees for the Greeter/Screener labor pool at the airport.

Thank you to the Volunteers who continue to participate in training and respond to emergencies during these abnormal times.
Thanks to PMC for offering the third round of Asymptomatic COVID testing to First Responders. The process is very quick and efficient.

Sandy encourages everyone to sign up in the “Alaska Travel Portal” and complete the Travel Declaration Form if you will be travelling out of State and returning to Alaska.

Assisted Living reopened August 26th. Friends and family need to call for an appointment to enter the facility. All details on our reopening plan is on the Borough website. Residents and family are so happy!

Elderly Housing continues to STRONGLY encourage vendors and visitors entering the property to wear masks in any of the public areas of the facility and to use hand sanitizer upon entering and leaving the facility.

Fire Panel at the Manor was repaired by Johnston Controls. All is well and thankfully no more 24/7 fire watch.

The public works crew repaired a failing sewer service at LeConte RV Park. We coordinated with the park owner and with DOT to perform the necessary excavation and sidewalk removal/replacement.

Design work on the Motor Pool Shop repairs continues. We have been answering requests for information from the adjuster and design engineer and are getting closer to having the details finalized.

The solid waste baler continues to experience periodic control outages, although these have lately been of short duration and have not significantly impacted operations. We are working with the equipment provider and local electricians to isolate the source of the trouble.

Garbage bears continue to be a problem in town. Residents are strongly encouraged to keep garbage securely stored, preferably indoors, until the day of pickup. Fish & Game deployed a bear trap at Public Works and one day later captured a nuisance bear. They towed away the trap containing the captured bear just before this report was made.

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources renewed the Cooperative Resource Management Agreement (CRMA) with the Borough for maintenance of recreation sites within the Ernie Haugen Public Use Area. Some funding has been received for maintenance performed up through June 30, 2020. We are working on obtaining funding for FY21 maintenance. The US Forest Service has also assisted with maintenance at the sites by helping clean restrooms and empty garbage cans. They are also – for now – cleaning the restroom at the gun range as well. A big thank you to the USFS crew for helping with this!
'PETERSBURG BOROUGH
RESOLUTION #2020-15

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF $608,345 FROM THE CARES ACT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR PETERSBURG MEDICAL CENTER PERSONNEL COSTS, TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR HOME HEALTH, RAPID TESTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, AND THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE EQUIPMENT FOR LONG TERM CARE IN RESPONSE TO THE CONTINUING COVID-19 HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Borough Assembly ratified a Local Emergency Declaration for the Petersburg Borough in regard to the ongoing pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Petersburg Borough has entered into an agreement with the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services to provide COVID-19 greeting, screening and testing services at the Petersburg Airport as directed in State Public Health Mandate #10. Testing services are being provided by Petersburg Medical Center through a Borough Memorandum of Agreement that will be extended as needed; and

WHEREAS, ongoing public health mandates and alerts issued by the State of Alaska are critical in mitigating the rate of spread of the COVID-19 virus, however they have had and are continuing to have significant negative impacts on the Petersburg Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Medical Center leadership, providers and staff's efforts have prioritized and shifted from revenue earning services to a more significant role in non-revenue earning prevention, safety, and home care activities; and

WHEREAS, the initial costs to protect staff and continue to provide access to care have been substantial; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Center is requesting $608,345 in CARES Act funding to continue to keep our community safe and our economy strong; and

WHEREAS, further detail on this request is attached hereto as Attachment A.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Petersburg Borough Assembly hereby approves the expenditure of $608,345 from the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund to provide economic support to the Petersburg Medical Center for the costs associated with the continuing COVID-19 health emergency.

Passed and approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly, Petersburg, Alaska this 8th day of September, 2020.

Attest: ___________________________________________ Mark Jensen, Mayor

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk
August 26, 2020

To: Stephen Giesbrecht, Borough Manager
   Petersburg Assembly Members
cc: Jody Tow, Finance Director

From: Philip Hofsatter, CEO
      Petersburg Medical Center

RE: CARES Act Funding Request

Under the authority of the Petersburg Medical Center Board of Directors, please accept this letter as PMC’s formal request for CARES Act funding from the Borough of Petersburg.

As a result of the pandemic, the priority for PMC has been to manage the pandemic at a level that would keep community members safe while protecting the economy of Petersburg. PMC leadership and staff’s efforts have shifted from revenue earning services to a more significant role in non-revenue earning activities such as prevention, safety and home care. This shift will be ongoing until the pandemic is no longer a threat to our community.

In addition to the loss of revenue that PMC has suffered, the initial costs to protect staff and continue to provide access to care have been significant. It is our hope that the CARES Act funding can assist with PMC’s ongoing efforts to continue to keep our community safe and our economy strong.

The total amount of this request is $608,345.25.

For the last 50 years, Petersburg Medical Center has managed to financially be independent, but as a result of the pandemic, we have experienced a significant loss of revenue. It will be difficult to keep the level of care to manage the COVID without aid from outside sources.

PMC leadership will continue to apply for COVID Federal aid in order to respond to and recover from the impacts of the pandemic. Unfortunately, the results of grant and other funding requests are not certain. We also don’t know how much longer preventative efforts will continue, and the resulting economic impact. Therefore, we are asking the Borough to reserve funds for PMC for the equipment and other costs listed in this letter in case other efforts to obtain funding fail, or have to be redirected for unforeseen situations as a result of the pandemic.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Philip Hofsatter, CEO
Petersburg Medical Center

Jerod Cook, PMC Board Chair
Petersburg Medical Center

Guiding Values: Integrity - Dignity - Professionalism - TeamWork - Quality
### PANDEMIC EXPENSES

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#### Payroll and Emergency Hire

- Incident command team, consisting of senior leadership, physicians, management, and other skilled professionals at Petersburg Medical Center, play key roles in the community in the following manner:
  - Assist the Borough’s Incident Command team.
  - Provide communication and education for the community on COVID issues on a daily basis.
  - Developed a crisis COVID hotline at PMC that is staffed or monitored by Petersburg Medical Center RN’s 24/7.
  - The laboratory staff specifically have had to run all on-site tests, setup protocols for COVID testing and manage the connections to commercial labs to provide results for Petersburg residents.
  - PMC incident command team tasked to set up processes in the hospital to keep long term care residents, patients and employees safe while still providing care.
  - Advocate, obtain and provide reagents and equipment to provide systematic COVID testing and set up in multiple locations (ie. PMC respiratory clinic parking lot and airport).
  - Emergency hire of full-time additional staff to meet the immediate demands of addressing the pandemic, this includes a physician, home health RN and home health C.N.A.

#### Cepheid Test Equipment

The Cepheid equipment is used to perform COVID PCR rapid testing on-site. We have a 2- bay unit that can only test 2 samples an hour—not including the staff to run the test. This drastically restricts our testing capability in the lab. The current turnaround time from reference labs is 48 hours at best and 7-14 days at worst depending on the lab (national demand is impacting turnaround time). The request for a four-bay unit will allow us to test a maximum of 6 specimens in an hour (provided there is staff to run the unit). Symptomatic specimens and people in high risk situations like congregate housing (long term care, assisted living and cannery workers bunked together and working together). If there is a COVID outbreak in one of these settings, it will be important to identify cases and isolate people appropriately.

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NuStep Elliptical for Long Term Care

- **NuStep:** Due to COVID-19 infection control precautions, LTC residents are more isolated to the LTC unit and there are restrictions to safely use equipment in the rehabilitation therapy department. The NuStep is a therapeutic exercise device to be used within the LTC unit to re-establish an essential activity for the elderly residents.

In-home Monitoring Units

- **Home Health services** have quadrupled during COVID pandemic and to improve the monitoring of patients in home these units can assist in tracking vital signs, glucose and pulse oximeter. The units can be expanded for future COVID patients that need home monitoring as well as patients with medical complex diseases (i.e. diabetes).
PETERSBURG BOROUGH
RESOLUTION #2020-16

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF $500,000 FROM THE CARES ACT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR ECONOMIC SUPPORT TO BUSINESSES HARMED BY THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a pandemic and Governor Mike Dunleavy declared a public health disaster emergency in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Borough Assembly ratified a Local Emergency Declaration for the Petersburg Borough in regard to the ongoing pandemic; and

WHEREAS, ongoing public health mandates and alerts, including interstate travel mandates, issued by the State of Alaska and the Petersburg Borough, and CDC guidance are critical in mitigating the rate of spread of the COVID-19 virus; however, they have had and are continuing to have significant negative impacts on the business community, including business closures, interruptions, and unanticipated costs; and

WHEREAS, disruptions to workers and small businesses are serious, as small businesses are critical to our economy, provide the foundation of employment, consumer services for the community, and revenue for the municipality to continue to provide essential services for the public welfare and benefit; and

WHEREAS, small business plays a vital role in the overall health and welfare of Petersburg’s citizens and resources are necessary to help small businesses survive and certain small businesses reasonably require economic support to survive; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the United States Congress adopted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") which, among other things, amended Section 601(a) of the Social Security Act and established the Coronavirus Relief Fund, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and CARES Act Small Business and Community Support Fund Grant Agreement – Page 2 Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") (PL 116-136), established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) and appropriated $150 billion to the Fund be used to make payments for specified uses to States and certain local governments; and

WHEREAS, guidance issued by the U.S. Treasury Department to date indicates that necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency include costs to support local businesses that suffered losses due to COVID-19 business interruptions, or costs for personal protective equipment or other materials, supplies and equipment needed to safely operate following a COVID-19-related closure; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska allocation of CRF resources has been designated to reimburse local governments in the state for specified expenditures through grant agreements administered by the Alaska Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly determines that the appropriation of funds provided for herein are necessary and will serve a public purpose and the general welfare of the community of Petersburg by relieving economic distress caused by the COVID-19 public health crisis; and
WHEREAS, further detail on this request is attached hereto as Attachment A.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Petersburg Borough Assembly hereby approves the expenditure of $500,000 from the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund to provide economic support to Petersburg businesses harmed by the continuing Covid-19 public health emergency.

Passed and approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly, Petersburg, Alaska this 8th day of September 2020.

Attest: ________________________________

Mark Jensen, Mayor

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Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk
Economic Support Grants

Eligibility:
- Physically located in Petersburg Borough;
- Business was established and licensed by the State of Alaska prior to March 11, 2020;
- Business registered with the Petersburg Borough Finance Office prior to March 11, 2020;
- Business has on average 25 employees (full-time equivalent) or fewer;
- Business is organized for-profit, including sole proprietorship;
- Business experienced economic harm due to Covid-19 public health emergency; and
- Business has demonstrated loss in gross sales of at least 20% or at least $10,000 during April, May, June 2020 compared to gross sales from April, May, June 2019. (Gross sales are based on amount reported on Sales Tax Return Forms or Transient Room Tax Forms submitted to the borough in 2019 and 2020*.)

Awards:
Grant awards will be based on a percentage of lost revenue. The maximum grant award is $25,000.
Grant awards will be prorated if funding requests exceed amount of available funding.

Ineligible Businesses:
Marijuana businesses licensed under Alaska Statute 17.38;
Businesses that have filed for bankruptcy or prohibited from receiving federal funds;
Businesses not physically located within the Petersburg Borough; and
Nonprofit corporations or entities.

Allowable Expenses:
Use of these funds is regulated by the Federal CARES Act and guidance from the US Dept. of Treasury. In general, funds may be used for the following types of expenses. The eligible timeframe is March 11, 2020 – December 30, 2020.
- Business owner: Wages, commissions, income, or net earnings (i.e. Schedule C) from self-employment;
- Payroll costs and expenses (Employee benefits including costs for vacation, parental, family, medical, or sick leave; allowance for separation or dismissal; payments required for the provisions of group health care benefits including insurance premiums; and payment of any retirement benefit);
- Rent or mortgage payments for business facilities (unless otherwise waived by lessor/lender);
- Utilities payments, including electricity, heat, water, telephone, and internet;
- Purchase of personal protective equipment required by the business;
- Business-related equipment and services (Equipment and services vital to continue standard operation of the business as it was before the COVID-19 public health emergency, or equipment or services necessary for adapting to amended business operations during or after the COVID-19 public health emergency); and
- Expenses necessary to replenish inventory or other necessary re-opening expenses (Inventory vital to continue standard operation of the business as it was before the COVID-19 public health
emergency, or inventory necessary to adapt to amended business operations during or after the COVID-19 public health emergency).

Examples of Ineligible Uses of Funds:
- Expenses that would not be considered an eligible business expense by IRS rules;
- New equipment to expand services, expand business operations, or unnecessarily replace or upgrade currently functional equipment are not eligible;
- New types of inventory to expand services, expand operations, or that were not previously used by the business are not eligible;
- Any business expenses claimed or paid by other assistance/relief programs, including PPP or EIDL;
- Insurance premiums (other than payments required for the provisions of group health care benefits to employees as part of payroll costs and expenses);
- Political contributions;
- Bonuses to owners or employees;
- Wages to any member of owner’s family who is not a bona fide employee;
- Charitable contributions;
- Gifts or parties;
- Draw or salary to owner that exceeded the amount that they were paid on a weekly or monthly bases by for the same period last year; and
- Pay down or pay off debt by more than required in underlying debt instrument.
September 2, 2020

TO: ASSEMBLY
FROM: LIZ CABRERA

RE: ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES

This memo is intended to provide background information and context for discussion regarding establishing a CARES Act funded economic support grant program for Petersburg businesses.

FEDERAL/STATE ECONOMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS: To date, over 260 Petersburg businesses, including commercial fishermen, have received over $6.5 million in assistance through the SBA’s Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), the Economic Injury Disaster Loan – Emergency Grants (EIDL) program, and AKCARES. See details below.

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There programs all have different eligibility requirements and cover different time periods. Both the PPP program and the EIDL grant program have closed and are no longer accepting new applications. The AK CARES program is oversubscribed as of today, though still accepting applications for the time being.

Still to come online is the NOAA CARES Act program for fisheries-dependent businesses. Alaska received a $50 million allocation. The ADF&G has not released a spending plan or outlined criteria for how funds will be distributed yet. Congress seems to be inching toward some sort of agreement for another round of relief, but the program and timing are uncertain at best.

MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC SUPPORT: Several municipalities in the state have established economic support programs for businesses and nonprofits. While each program is slightly different, most programs have three or four levels of grants amounts and a business qualifies based on the amount of their past years average gross sales. This is similar to how Petersburg’s nonprofit stabilization program operated. Other business grant programs opt for a small amount of grant funding (around $1,000) but have very broad eligibility. This is particularly true for programs that include commercial fishing vessels and/or permit holders. Yet other programs require businesses to demonstrate a gross loss in sales. Several municipalities also have industry-specific programs, such as for the hospitality industry.

PROPOSED PROGRAM: There is no doubt the need for assistance in our community exceeds the amount of funding available. The program outlined in the attached resolution does not and cannot address all needs. The program opts to offer larger grants to a limited pool of eligible applicants. Eligibility is limited primarily to consumer-based businesses who rely on customers walking in or visiting their establishment. Many of these businesses have been particularly hard-hit by mitigation measures, such as social distancing, shelter-in-place orders, capacity limits, and travel mandates. Eligibility is also based on a demonstrable loss in gross sales compared to the previous year. The program is designed to provide funding to those businesses that have experienced significant economic harm.
PETERSBURG BOROUGH
RESOLUTION #2020-17

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF $65,000 FROM THE CARES ACT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES NEEDING NEW OR ADDITIONAL CHILDCARE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a pandemic and Governor Mike Dunleavy declared a public health disaster emergency in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Borough Assembly ratified a Local Emergency Declaration for the Petersburg Borough in regard to the ongoing pandemic; and

WHEREAS, State of Alaska mandated closure of the Petersburg School District, Tlingit-Haida’s Council closure of the Head Start preschool program and the Petersburg Childrens’ Center (PCC) Board of Directors closure of the PCC preschool program earlier this year forced families to choose between work and home, and resulted in children left home alone or taking care of younger siblings; and

WHEREAS, ongoing public health mandates, alerts and guidance issued by the State of Alaska and the Smart Start Plan implemented by the Petersburg School District and Tlingit-Haida’s Head Start preschool’s opening plan are critical in mitigating the rate of spread of the COVID-19 virus, however these efforts are placing a sudden burden on families to find immediate, quality childcare; and

WHEREAS, securing quality childcare is critical and necessary for the safety and wellbeing of children and families as well as for maintaining a workforce for our local economy, acquiring these services places a significant and unforeseen financial burden on families; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the United States Congress adopted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") which, among other things, amended Section 601(a) of the Social Security Act and established the Coronavirus Relief Fund, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and CARES Act Small Business and Community Support Fund Grant Agreement – Page 2 Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") (PL 116-136), established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) and appropriated $150 billion to the Fund be used to make payments for specified uses to States and certain local governments; and

WHEREAS, guidance issued by the U.S. Treasury Department to date indicates that necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency may include providing assistance to individuals and families for unforeseen financial costs for emergency needs; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly determines that the appropriation of funds provided for herein are necessary and will serve a public purpose and the general welfare of the community of Petersburg by relieving economic distress caused by the COVID-19 public health crisis; and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Petersburg Borough Assembly hereby approves the expenditure of $65,000 from the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund to Petersburg Mental Health Services to provide emergency financial assistance for childcare to Petersburg families harmed by the continuing Covid-19 public health emergency.

Passed and approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly, Petersburg, Alaska this 8th day of September 2020.

Attest: Mark Jensen, Mayor

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Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk
Re: Childcare Financial Assistance 28 August, 2020

Dear Petersburg Assembly,

We are writing today to address the impact of the recent passage of Petersburg School District’s Smart Start Plan on community childcare and Tlingit-Haida’s decision to have virtual preschool through December. While we support the plans and appreciate all the school/tribal organization is doing to address Covid safety concerns, we are now facing a gap in childcare capacity and funding for families. In the spring, during school shutdowns, families were dividing their time between work and home, children were left home alone, or home taking care of younger siblings. As we all know, it was incredibly stressful and not the best situation. We have the opportunity to avoid much of this, with financial support, that will prevent families from having to choose between childcare and putting food on the table.

We believe that everyone recognizes the importance of childcare. For children this means being in a safe, quality facility; for families this means knowing your child has a safe place to be; for businesses this means that your employees are available to work, not dividing their attention and/or time to care for their kiddos. In “normal” times, families make economic decisions regarding childcare and work schedules based on a long held expectation of traditional school days and after school programs. These are no longer “normal” times. The shifts in school schedules and the absence of after school activities have created an emergency for working parents that simply could not have been anticipated. This emergency impacts our entire community, as a significant portion of our workforce may no longer be available due to a lack of safe spaces for young children.

We are requesting that the Borough provide $65,000 to fund childcare financial assistance through the end of the year. Petersburg’s unemployment rate was at 13% in June (compared to the average June unemployment of roughly 8%) and Covid has hit businesses hard. Petersburg prides itself on the rugged and independent workforce, with many self-employed and LLC-type businesses supporting households; economic times are tough.

While this request is for financial assistance to ensure that our children have a safe and engaging environment to be in, this is also a request to help families that are already stretched thin financially and to keep business operating at full capacity.

Thank you for your consideration. Attached are the Appendices that detail the eligibility requirements as well as the application. We all look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

SHARE Coalition
Stedman Partners in Education
Petersburg Mental Health Services
Appendix A: Financial Assistance Process

Families submit applications monthly to Petersburg Mental Health Services.

An estimated 20 children K-5 need childcare assistance. Average monthly fee = $600

- K-5: $600*20 = $12,000/month * 4 months (Sept - Dec) = $48,000
- Preschool: $700*5 = $3,500/month * 4 months (Sept - Dec) = $14,000
- Administrative cost for PMHS staff time = $3,000

Total request: $65,000

Beneficiary: This assistance is for families with children enrolled in licensed care facilities following state supplied guidance for Covid-19 mitigation.

Administration Details: Assistance will be offered to enrolled children up to a rate of $600/child for K-5 and $700/child for preschool. The assistance will be paid directly to the licensed facility and the facility will credit the family account in the amount of assistance received. Assistance will be provided monthly, and as long as funds are available.

Eligibility: Eligible childcare providers will:
- be licensed by the state
- be following state guidelines in the Reopen Alaska Responsibly plan
- not currently be reimbursing parents for any Covid-19 related closures
- credit parent accounts in the amount received
- provide a copy of their W-9 and proof of payment to PMHS for financial recordkeeping

All families can apply for assistance by completing the application form available at licensed providers. Applications must be submitted by the 1st of the month. Current CARES Act funding must be spent by December 15th.

In the event of applications requesting more than the funding that is available, the amount requested will be decreased proportionately. In this manner, all who requested assistance will receive funding.
Appendix B: Petersburg K-5 Childcare Assistance Application Example

Requests should be submitted monthly, as we understand that there are many moving pieces between school schedules, after school activities and need for childcare. Please complete and submit to PMHS by the 1st of each month.

Child’s Name: ____________________________________________

Parent/Custodian Name: ______________________________________

Mailing address: ____________________________________________

Email address: ___________________________ Phone: _____________

Childcare Facility Enrolled In: __________________________

Assistance requested (select one):
O $100.00
O $200.00
O $300.00
O $400.00
O $500.00
O $600.00

FUNDS DISTRIBUTED UNDER THIS PROGRAM MAY ONLY BE DISTRIBUTED FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

How has your family been harmed by the COVID-19 Pandemic? Check all that apply.
O Work hour reductions, layoffs, furloughs or other actions directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic that reduced or limited work availability at your regular job
O Medical bills, mandatory quarantines, interrupted travel, or other unexpected expenses directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic
O Paying childcare as a result of the adjusted school schedule.
O Other (explain)
Katherine Holmlund  
PO Box 1976  
Petersburg, AK 99833  
kholmlundak@gmail.com  
907-772-4499  

15 August 2020

Mayor Mark Jensen  
Assemblyman Bob Lynn  
Assemblywoman Brandi Marohl  
Assemblyman Jeff Meucci  
Assemblyman Taylor Norheim  
Assemblyman Jeigh Stanton-Gregor  
Assemblywoman Chelsea Tremblay  

Re: Childcare Funding Assistance  

Dear Mayor Jensen and Borough Assembly Members,  

I am once again writing to you all to advocate for the children and families of Petersburg. As a childcare provider with Kinder Skog Nature Program I am all too aware of the desperate need for quality childcare in Petersburg. This issue is not new in our community; however, Covid-19 has greatly exacerbated this issue and has left families struggling to even afford childcare. Many families have slightly too much income to apply for relief through the state Childcare Assistance Program.

In an effort to support our community members and lift the financial burden the extra childcare hours will have on families a group of organizations have begun a collaborative effort to raise funds for those in need. The SHARE Coalition, Petersburg Mental Health Services, Rae C. Stedman Partners in Education, Serendipity Afterschool Academy, Petersburg Children’s Center-Eagles Nest, Kinder Skog Nature Program and the Petersburg Community Foundation have all teamed up to advocate for the support of families needing childcare funding assistance. I respectfully ask the Petersburg Borough Assembly to consider directing a portion of CARES Act funding towards this childcare relief effort. This is a huge community effort, to lift this burden and keep the children of our community in safe learning environments during out of school times and I invite the Petersburg Borough to join the cause.

Families that need support should be able to receive it and not have to make the choice between quality care for their children or paying other bills. Our kids need us right now, they need and deserve quality out of school time care that will help meet their developmental, emotional, social, and mental health needs in engaging and safe spaces. We have the chance to invest directly into the care of the youth in our community, I urge the Petersburg Borough to join us in this mission.

Sincerely and with much gratitude,

[Signature]

Katherine Holmlund
August 27, 2020

Petersburg Borough Assembly Members,

I am writing this letter of support on behalf of the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce regarding and advocating for the Childcare Assistant Program and the affects this will have on our businesses. As you know, the community is in a bind regarding this issue and being able to resource and provide outlets for children during this difficult time would help put working parents at ease.

We can agree on this one thing; no childcare, no employees and from there it’s a snowball effect. Please consider this letter of support in funding this program as we navigate through this season of COVID together.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mindy Lopez

Mindy Lopez
Administrator, Petersburg Chamber of Commerce
8/31/2020

Petersburg Borough Assembly
Municipal Building
12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833
Via SHARE Coalition

RE: SHARE Coalition Childcare Assistance, Petersburg Borough CARES Act funding

Petersburg Borough Assembly,

We are writing to express support for the SHARE Coalition’s request for CARES Act funds to provide childcare assistance for the community. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed everyday life, creating new challenges for Petersburg residents and for our local workforce. One of those changes is lack of childcare due to changes in school schedules. It’s critical to the health of this community that parents have access to reliable childcare in order to have a robust economy and to reduce barriers to living in a small community in Alaska. OBI supports efforts to ensure that childcare needs are met in Petersburg, especially during these challenging times.

Thank you for considering our comments and for the opportunity to weigh in on this important request. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Patrick Wilson
Petersburg Plant Manager
Patrick.Wilson@obiseafoods.com

OBI Seafoods Petersburg
411 N Nordic Dr, P.O. Box 1147, Petersburg, AK 99833
(907) 772-4294
August 31, 2020

Petersburg Borough Assembly,
PO Box 329
Petersburg, AK 99833

Re: Letter of Support for Childcare Financial Assistance program

Dear Petersburg Assembly,

I am writing this letter to support the request for the City and Borough CARES Act funding to support local childcare assistance.

We know from firsthand experience that families with young children have been hit hard by COVID-19. While Petersburg School District’s Smart Start Plan is a quality plan that we strongly support, we recognize that this plan creates a childcare gap for families and places an additional financial burden on them. Employees who have access to quality childcare will be able to continue working and providing income for their families. This stability is important to both families and employers.

The Petersburg Medical Center strongly supports the continued collaborative efforts of the SHARE Coalition, Petersburg Mental Health Services and Stedman Partners in Education in promoting a resilient, safe, and healthy community and urges the Assembly’s approval of this application.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Philip Hofstetter
Petersburg Medical Center, CEO
Questions asked by Manager Giesbrecht; answered by Joni Johnson

1. If an applicant checks the box that the childcare need is not COVID related, is it the group’s expectation that funding would still be provided for that household?

Our understanding of CARES Act funding is that this money cannot be utilized if not COVID-related. So the answer would be no. The thought has been that after the new year, if families still need assistance, then providers would help with the application for state assistance because it is a longer-term need and the finances from the year of COVID would reflect that need. We have updated the application question to the following: How has your family been harmed by the COVID-19 Pandemic? Check all that apply.
- Work hour reductions, layoffs, furloughs or other actions directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic that reduced or limited work availability at your regular job
- Medical bills, mandatory quarantines, interrupted travel, or other unexpected expenses directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Paying childcare as a result of the adjusted school schedule.
- Other (explain)

2. Has the group approached Petersburg School District on this issue?

Yes, Heather Conn has been working with the group from the get-go and initiated the effort, recognizing that finding a safe place for children would be an issue.

3. Has the school made any decisions on whether they will be providing after-school care?

Superintendent Kludt-Painter stated at the School Board meeting that the school is not in the childcare business. Heather has commented that doing so would require 17 additional employees to maintain small group size.

4. Your proposal includes an estimate of 20 children in need of the assistance. How was this number developed and how will the group determine the eligibility of household applicants to the program?

The Stedman Elementary survey indicated that 16 students’ families would like financial assistance, with 80% of the surveys submitted at the time. Proportionally, if 100% of the surveys were completed then the estimate is 20 children. The proposal is being expanded to include preschool because Head Start is now virtual through December. An estimated 10 families are in need of financial assistance, going off of the information provided by daycare providers.

5. Do current child care providers have the capacity for 20 (or more) new children? What is the current number of “open slots” in the licensed childcare facilities in Petersburg?

Capacity is another beast all together, as no, providers do not currently have capacity to meet the demand. From the Stedman Elementary survey and scheduling work completed by Heather Conn, there are five students who do not currently have the childcare desired. Daycare providers for preschool kiddos have a wait list of more than five.

6. Your proposal states that the request is not just about childcare, but about helping families in financial hardship. Outside of the childcare details, does your group intend on accepting applications for the funding from any Petersburg citizen that shows financial need? I am not nitpicking here, but the Borough continues to receive requests from many people who are asking for assistance. It is very important for the request to be inclusive of all groups it is directed at, but also specific to how the money will be allocated so the Borough can explain any issues to our auditors or the Treasury Department on how the CARES Act money was spent.
Interesting point. This proposal focuses on families that have the financial hardship of having to budget for childcare when this would not typically be an expense, so no, no funding for any Petersburg citizen that shows financial need.

As Karin McCullough has said, the childcare system is imperfect and early childhood education does not receive the support that it should. The COVID pandemic has exacerbated those imperfections. The goal of PiE, SHARE, PMHS, Stedman Elementary and the daycare providers - Serendipity/After School Academy, Petersburg Children Center/Eagle's Nest, Kinder Skog, and Good Beginnings is to provide a safe place for as many kiddos as possible through supporting families.
August 31st, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Kathleen Holtzinger, would like to purchase the lot located at 705 Ira II Street, Parcel #01-006-484, Lot 5A, Block 87, Southeast Addition Subdivision, Plat 69-202, at the amount of $40,101.

[Signature]

Kathleen Holtzinger

PO Box 846
Petersburg AK 99833
907-518-0453
August 28, 2020

RE: 705 Ira II Street Bid

Dear Petersburg Borough,

Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority is submitting a bid for 705 Ira II Street in the amount of $40,501.00.

Our mailing address is:

Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority
5446 Jenkins Drive
Juneau, AK 99801

Phone number: 907-780-3194 or cell (202) 277-9146

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Pata
Jacqueline Kus.een Pata
President & CEO
Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority
September 8, 2020

Julie Anderson, Commissioner
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1535
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Governor Dunleavy
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Commissioner Anderson and Governor Dunleavy,

The Petersburg Borough Assembly respectfully seeks the following actions:

1. Pursuant to AS 44.33.285, Commissioner Anderson reviews the facts described herein, (and any additional facts she may deem relevant) and recommend to the Governor that Southeast Alaska be declared an area “impacted by an economic disaster”, i.e., an economic disaster based on fishery losses. (The legislature may then appropriate money for assistance grants).

2. The Governor request his Department of Fish and Game to gather data to date regarding prices, amount of salmon landings, value losses to Southeast Alaska salmon fishermen, provide the information, and update it immediately after the salmon season officially closes in October. The goal is to provide the Governor with the data necessary to immediately request a federal fishery disaster declaration for Southeast Alaska salmon from the Secretary of Commerce.

3. Request the Alaska Congressional Delegation to seek and support an appropriation from Congress in the annual Department of Commerce FY 21 budget bill (or another vehicle) for the looming Southeast salmon fishery disaster.

4. Request President Trump to direct Secretary Perdue to provide access to Alaska fishermen for relief from impacts of unfair trade tariffs and policies. Such relief was recently provided Maine Lobstermen. https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/memorandum-protecting-united-states-lobster-industry/

Borough Administration
PO Box 329, Petersburg, AK 99833 – Phone (907) 772-4425  Fax (907)772-3759
www.ci.petersburg.ak.us
Alaska fishermen have also been hurt by trade issues, as described below:

**Southeast Salmon Returns and Negative Impacts to Date**

As you are likely aware, salmon returns in Southeast are far below forecasts. Low returns, low prices, and unfair trade practices have all combined with the impacts of the pandemic to hammer all commercial fishing gear groups in the region. Commercial fishing is the dominate industry in our community and the negative impacts are substantial.

Ex-vessel value of the purse seine and drift gillnet salmon fisheries appear to be the lowest on record in Southeast since 1976. The 2019 southeast salmon harvest value was $101.8 million, and the 2018 southeast salmon harvest value was $133.6 million. Nearly all this value came from the purse seine and drift gillnet fisheries.

The 10-year average for southeast seine salmon value is $73M and the drift gillnet fishery is $27M. This year, with most of the season over, harvest values to date are $8M and $7M respectively. While final harvest data will not be available for several weeks, the preliminary data shows us the impact on fishermen and the community will be severe. Harvest values for this year do not include the troll fleet, which has also had a very poor season and adds to the severity of impacts.

Clearly, when a commercial seine boat’s gross income this late in the season is less than a crew share from previous years, a fishery disaster exists. While we do not yet know the final financial impact on Petersburg and all Southeast fishermen, we know it will be devastating.

**Timing of Federal Appropriations**

Timing for federal appropriations is also critical for our local economy and the Southeast Alaskan fishermen. It took nearly four (4) years after the 2016 pink salmon disaster for relief funds to make it to fishermen, with checks distributed in 2020. If the process takes that long again, there may not be many fishermen left in the fleet.

**Trade Issues**

With regards to relief based on trade, there are two different issues:

- First, retaliatory tariffs imposed by China on Alaska seafood, including salmon. The average tax imposed by China on Alaska seafood is 38%. This has hurt our salmon sales and prices.

- Second, unfair trade practices imposed by Russia. Russia has exported nearly $700 million in seafood to the U.S. while imposing a complete trade embargo on exports of seafood from the U.S. This has also hurt prices.
Our community and fishermen are extremely thankful for the $50 million in federal fishing disaster relief that was included in the CARES Act for Alaska. However, this amount will clearly be insufficient when one considers that $50 million represents just a small fraction (1/8th) of the value of just one salmon species caught in 2019 to commercial fishermen alone. Sockeye salmon accounted for $421 million in value to fishermen in 2019 as reported in the November 13, 2019, edition of the Alaska Journal. In 2018, Alaska’s commercial fisheries had an estimated value of nearly $1.8 billion dollars. Alaska represented 32% of $5.6 billion in commercial fishing value nationwide according to NOAA’s 2018 annual commercial fisheries report.

Our understanding is the $50 million in CARES Act disaster relief funds will be spread across all species, in all parts of the state, to all commercial fishing groups, to charter fishermen, communities losing fish landing taxes, processors, and others without taking into account specific regions and gear groups that have suffered a disastrous 2020 season. With so many participants eligible to receive these funds, the $50 million will be heavily diluted.

We ask for your support and help in all the above areas. Permit holders in the troll fleet, purse seine and drift gillnet salmon fisheries represent the engine that drives our local and regional economy. These small businesses combined with the processors and the support industries make our community one of the best places to live and prosper in Alaska. We need your help.

Respectfully,

Mark Jensen
Mayor

Cc: Senator Bert Stedman
Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Senator Lisa Murkowski
Senator Dan Sullivan
Congressman Don Young
Amy Daugherty, Executive Director, Alaska Trollers Association
Max Worhatch, Executive Director, United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters
Susan Doherty, Executive Director, Southeast Alaska Seiners Association
Megan O’Neil, Executive Director, Petersburg Vessel Owners Association
Frances Leach, Executive Director, United Fishermen of Alaska
Scott Kelley, Executive Administrator, United Fishermen of Alaska
Nils Andreassen, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League
Robert Venables, Executive Director, Southeast Conference
September 8, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

The Petersburg Borough Assembly writes this letter in support of Petersburg Medical Center’s grant applications for COVID-19 Emergency Funds. The funds would cover the costs associated with COVID-19 community efforts.

As the municipality of Petersburg, we are directly engaged in response and recovery efforts and have witnessed the contributions PMC continues to make in support of Petersburg’s residents and the local economy during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The priority for Petersburg Medical Center since the beginning of the pandemic has been to shift leadership and staff efforts to a community protection role. As a result, the greatest expense for PMC during the pandemic has been outside the hospital doors and in the community. COVID-19 results in Petersburg demonstrate we are being successful at keeping our community safe, but this success requires a tremendous number of hours from staff at Petersburg Medical Center.

PMC’s efforts have kept the economy viable. Beyond providing screening, testing, and public health information, PMC provides technical assistance and staffing that has played a key role in keeping our economy open and functioning. PMC staff worked with business leaders so they could reopen and continue to operate, paying attention to seafood processors who brought in hundreds of workers from out of state. By coordinating with the processors on safety measures, our seafood processing plants, which are vital to Petersburg’s economy, have operated continuously throughout the summer. In addition, Petersburg Medical Center assisted our nonprofit childcare center to set up screening protocols allowing them to reopen safely and allow parents to return to work.

The request for reimbursement costs directly related to these community efforts during the pandemic to protect Petersburg are aside from the costs to hospitals in general, such as loss of revenue and the costs for equipment and supplies required to address COVID-19 patient needs.

This shift in priorities will be ongoing until the pandemic is no longer a threat to our community, but we need help to recover and to continue this work.

An example of some of the ongoing community efforts include:

- The Executive Director of Petersburg Medical Center assisted the Borough’s Incident Commander to coordinate and address community issues.
- Petersburg Medical Center’s Infection Prevention and Quality Manager took the lead in communication and education for the community on COVID issues on a daily basis through meetings, radio and other announcements.
- A crisis hotline was created at Petersburg Medical Center that is manned by a Petersburg Medical Center RN both day and night.

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- Systematic testing was set up by hospital staff and is manned by hospital staff in multiple locations, including the airport.
- The medical center's laboratory staff specifically have had to run all on-site tests, setup protocols for COVID testing, and manage the connections to commercial labs to provide results for Petersburg residents
- Medical staff were charged with planning processes to mitigate safety issues in the seafood processing plants for production lines to continue without jeopardizing the health of the community, but necessary in order to keep the local economy functioning during the pandemic.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mark Jensen
Mayor
August 10, 2020

Admiral Tom Barrett
Chair, Alaska Marine Highway Reshaping Work Group
Sent via email: dot.amh-reshaping@alaska.gov

Dear Admiral Barrett:

We are writing in response to your request for information regarding basic level of ferry service for our community.

The Petersburg Economic Development Council (PEDC) is charged with leading economic development efforts for the Petersburg Borough. The PEDC is led by a 10-member board of directors representing a range of business interests. Our comments are focused on the AMHS role in economic development and supporting the business community.

REGIONAL COMMERCE
For many years, the AMHS served as a “highway” allowing businesses to reach customers in many communities. Service providers, such as specialty contractors, inspectors, healthcare providers, etc., could travel with their vehicles, equipment, and supplies. Goods could be sold and shipped from Petersburg to large and small communities on a regular basis when there was regular, reliable, and affordable ferry service.

This level of ferry service no longer exists, and regional commerce has suffered as a result. Barge or air freight are the only available transportation options. Air freight works for small items but certainly not for contractors or larger goods. Intra-state barge service is cost prohibitive and is not a viable option for most small Alaskan retail businesses.

One way for the AMHS to promote commerce within the region is to include some sort of transfer service. Goods cannot be sent from Petersburg to Hoonah or to Southcentral Alaska because the AMHS does not provide a means to move an unaccompanied vehicle from one ferry to another in Juneau. A transfer service would broaden the reach of Petersburg’s regional businesses and increase service and competition for all.

SEAFOOD
Petersburg is one of the top seafood ports in Alaska and in the nation. For several years, Petersburg processors were able to deliver fresh seafood to market using the AMHS. The AMHS provided a cost-effective and relatively quick access to these markets through its weekly Bellingham route and twice-weekly Prince Rupert route.

The reduction in ferry service severely restricted our processor’s ability to access the fresh market and the lack of ferry service during the last few months has greatly reduced landing and processing of certain fresh market products in Petersburg. Barge and air freight are the only available options. AML and Samson Tugs, while reliable, offer once per week service and add several days to shipping time, which is not acceptable when moving a fresh product. With the elimination of the combi-aircrafts, Alaska Airlines offers a once a week freight service into Petersburg. Coordinating seafood landing times and poundage with available space on the freighter hasn’t resulted in a workable situation for at least one of our major processors and continues to be a limiting factor for another of our mid-sized processors.
VISITOR INDUSTRY
We've spent considerable time and money marketing Petersburg as a great destination for independent travelers. The AMHS offered unique experiences for travelers, such as navigating the Wrangell Narrows, that cannot be enjoyed from an airplane or from a large cruise ship. The AMHS offered flexibility, connections between smaller communities, and an attractive price point to potential visitors.

Unfortunately, limiting service to Bellingham, eliminating service to Prince Rupert, frequent cancellations, uncertainty over whether the ferry will operate, scheduling ferries on successive days but then having no service for a week all deter visitor travel and makes it difficult to convert our marketing efforts into our community as a viable destination for the independent traveler.

We are fortunate to have twice daily jet service into our community and the number of passengers disembarking at the airport have increased in recent years. Alaska Airlines does not provide enough lift capacity to make up for what we've lost in ferry traffic. Further, the cost of flying into Petersburg is significantly more than into larger communities placing us and other rural communities at a disadvantage.

Another way the AMHS could support the Visitor Industry is to partner with local businesses to offer unique experiences on the ferry. Cultivating private sector partnerships would amplify AMHS’s marketing and increase passenger numbers and revenue.

BASIC LEVEL OF SERVICE NEEDED
We certainly understand the enormity and complexity of the task before you and are hopeful this information will provide some understanding of the opportunities and challenges surrounding the AMHS and transportation options in our area.

We believe the basic level of service needed to support commercial activity in Petersburg is:

- 2 northbound and 2 southbound port calls per week connecting Petersburg to Bellingham and/or Prince Rupert to the South and Juneau/Skagway to the North.
- Coordinate mainline service to connect with routes to smaller communities and to Southcentral.
- Transfer service so goods could be moved from one ferry to another to facilitate regional and statewide commerce.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our staff at lcabrera@petersburgak.gov.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
Petersburg Economic Development Council

cc: Robert Venables, SE Conference
    Nils Andreassen, AML
    Petersburg Borough Assembly
To the city of Petersburg council and others I am Hoschar and residents of Howkan street would like to see speed bumps installed and the speed limit dropped and fully enforced to the fullest extent of the law. Over the last four years the traffic has gotten out of hand with speeding drivers I have purchased 4 slow children at play signs and they have been destroyed by the people who don’t live there. On Saturday the 9th I observed a black 4 door dodge pick up going at least 50 MPH I was outside but by the time it took me to stand up and look the truck was most of the way to the corner and I could not get a plate number. This concerns me so as I have two girls who live with me ages 9 and 7 now they are afraid to ride their bikes because of fast drivers in the area. Please look into this matter and come up with a solution before someone is hurt or killed. Thank you

Sam Hoschar
Motor Pool Foreman
Petersburg Borough
(907) 772-5429 - office
(907) 650-7566 – cell
(907) 772-4102 – fax
Hello,
The recycling program is very important to our business in Petersburg and I really appreciate having the service. We currently have 2 large bins for recycling at our business downtown that are emptied 1-2 times per week. All of our merchandise and shoes are shipped in cardboard boxes. Most of our merchandise is wrapped in plastic. We are so thankful for the weekly pick up. It saves us hours of time that would be spent delivering cardboard to the baler. With limited baler hours we don't always have enough staff to deliver cardboard during the open hours and in the winter the road to the baler can be challenging. Please continue the service to commercial business at least on a weekly schedule. Personally, I feel it is our responsibility to recycle as much as possible. I do suggest every other week for residential service pick up. That would keep items out of the baler and hopefully make less rounds for the baler truck.
Thanks for keeping our recycling program going. I understand that rates may need to increase but please don't take the program away.
Thank you,

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Cynthia Lee Mathisen
Manager/VP
Lee's Clothing Inc
(907) 772-4229
Hello Mayor and Assembly Members,

Attached is my written testimony for tonight’s assembly meeting.

In that testimony, I requested that:

- an apology be issued to the “testifier” [Dave Beebe] of the July 20 Assembly meeting who was interrupted during his testimony and told erroneous information that his testimony was not related to the agenda and;
- that the official record be corrected concerning the verifiable absence of the “radio” news department during the meeting of July 7 with US Rep. Don Young and State Senator Bert Stedman.

For your information, I did not consult with Mr. Beebe concerning my request that he be issued an apology. Simply stated, all publics must be treated with respect and free from intimidation during your proceedings, no matter their position on an issue.

I look forward to your attention to my reasonable requests.

Thank you,

Becky Knight
Testimony of Becky Knight
for the Petersburg, Alaska Borough Assembly Meeting
August 17, 2020

My name is Becky Knight and my comments regard the Mayor's Report—an agenda item.

Under the July 20 Mayor's Report for the high level July 7 meeting, with Rep. Don Young and Senator Bert Stedman, it was mentioned that Petersburg’s "wants and needs" were discussed—but there was no official recording made nor was the public notified of the meeting to hear exactly how our community's wants and needs were portrayed. This, despite as I understand, adequate advance warning of the visit. When there is no official recording made of our public meetings or the public is barred from attendance, then what was discussed is unknown and/or becomes clouded and memories fade.

For instance, in an attempt to recap what was discussed during the meeting, Mayor Jensen summarized, from the 30,000 ft. level, that Young talked about the "potential for resource extraction issues, mining, minerals, logging, transportation, and hydro development." There were NO specifics disclosed on these vitally important discussion issues. Regarding the discussion on child care, the Mayor went on to say in reference to Rep. Young, "I can't remember exactly his answer." The Mayor instead deferred to the two assembly members who were in attendance on July 7 to provide their "take" on the discussion. The point is that personal recounts are an insufficient, official record of the high level meeting proceedings—especially during a time when there exists plenty of electronic capability to document such events.

Moreover, according to the KFSK news department, there was NO local radio presence at the meeting contrary to the Mayor's July 20 claim. I am also deeply troubled that a member of the public, who had just begun his testimony for an item related to the July 20 agenda, concerning the Mayor's Report, was wrongly told that the Mayor's Report was not an agenda item. This had the successful effect of chilling his public testimony and certainly stymied the message the testifier had to convey. In my opinion the testifier is owed an apology and the record should be corrected that there was NO radio presence during the meeting. Can you please fulfill these two reasonable requests?

Young's and Stedman's July 7 visit to Petersburg, directly coincided during a time when the Kake Access Project, locally known as the "$40 million Road to Nowhere" has raised the ire of a broad spectrum of local residents. Many questions remain to be answered, especially how an original forty million dollar appropriation went from 22 miles of new road construction to connect Kake and Petersburg, which is now reduced to 5 miles and only goes to Twelve Mile Creek—all for the same price tag.

Only the day before their visit was the end of the comment period for the DOT/Army Corps of Engineers permit application for the project, where among other things, 118 local residents asked for a public hearing on the road. The Corps also received numerous public comments from other regional citizens as well as in-depth comments from Earthjustice.
I believe these two officials, Don Young and Bert Stedman-the principal architects of this unpopular project, were intent on avoiding the hard questions local residents should have had an opportunity to ask. Instead, they slid out of town, largely undetected except perhaps for some evening fundraising opportunities and then retreated to their legislative bunkers.

We elect our government representatives— not contingent on their skill at cleaver legislative maneuvering to trick the public, but instead contingent on how well we think we will be collectively represented. In this case there was a complete breakdown of such ability by our elected representatives.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Knight

Becky (Rebecca) Knight
August 21, 2020

The Honorable Mark Jensen  
Mayor, City & Borough of Petersburg  
PO Box 329  
Petersburg, Alaska 99833

Dear Mayor Jensen:

I have reviewed your comments regarding the recently published Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) 2020-2021 draft winter sailing schedule. I can understand your disappointment with the proposed levels of service since it is not optimal from my perspective either.

As you are aware, the AMHS has faced unprecedented challenges over the past year. Before the coronavirus pandemic hit this spring, AMHS had a workable budget in place and expected sufficient revenue to provide reliable ferry service throughout the year. Due to unexpected repairs and mechanical issues with five ships in our fleet, followed by a variety of COVID related operational impacts, we are now facing a nearly $45 million budget shortfall. Because system-generated revenues support the AMHS operating budget, this shortfall, caused by the pandemic, equates to a budget cut of the same amount. Communities will experience gaps in service this winter. Simply put, the AMHS does not have enough cash to support the level of service we had originally intended to provide this winter.

These are extraordinary times in which we are trying to operate the system and, while public engagement is critical to the AMHS mission, providing for a public comment period longer than the 5 days we announced would likely result in a schedule not being available for bookings prior to October 1. This would jeopardize AMHS revenues even further beyond the impacts of COVID-19.

The AMHS is truly open to, and open for, public comment 365 days a year. They are receptive to special schedule accommodations year-round and on numerous occasions, have made special schedule adjustments for events and needs. The AMHS scheduler is in regular contact with community leaders, e.g., city administrators, school officials, community event planners, visitor bureau staff, etc., and she often makes modifications to schedules. We will continue to accept public comment on the draft 2020-2021 winter schedule after August 14 and we will modify the sailing calendar where and when feasible to meet community needs.

“Keep Alaska Moving through service and infrastructure.”
Though Petersburg won’t enjoy service from two mainliners and the six port calls per week it had as recent as two winters ago, here are the sailings intended for Petersburg in this draft winter schedule:

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The week of February 10, 2021, the Matanuska will begin providing the usual Sunday northbound and Wednesday southbound service to Petersburg.

I take exception to your comments that the department is working toward elimination of the ferry system. At DOT&PF, we take our responsibilities seriously for all of Alaska’s communities – those on the road system, the 35 serviced by AMHS, and the 140+ that are neither on the road nor on the ferry routes. The truth is, we are trying to make a system that meets today’s fiscal reality.

I am honored to be surrounded by many hard-working and passionate leaders, all trying to make a very complicated system run as efficiently as it can during historically extraordinary times with the revenue available to us.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John MacKinnon
Commissioner

CC: The Honorable Mike Dunleavy, Governor, State of Alaska
    The Honorable Bert Stedman, Senator, Alaska State Legislature
    The Honorable Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, Representative, Alaska State Legislature
    John Falvey, General Manager, AMHS
    Nils Andreassen, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal

“Keep Alaska Moving through service and infrastructure.”
Debra Thompson

From: Aardvark LLC <architectureoffaith@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: Re: recycling

Debra,

that sounds like a good idea. I didn’t realize that there were so many legalities involved in contacting one’s Assembly. In order to serve you better, please explain to me how your recycling program works from a fiscal perspective. How much does it cost to ship? Where do you ship to? Whom do you sell to, whom to you pay to sort? etc.

And what sorts of problems are you guys having with your bailer? That way I can compare the system that you’ve got with what is available.

The more that I know about our set-up, the more I can make an educated guess at your situation and not waste your time with solutions that cannot work.

Joshua

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Joshua

On Tue, Aug 25, 2020 at 8:17 AM Debra Thompson <dthompson@petersburgak.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Adams,

Thank you for your correspondence with the Assembly. It would be best if you could email your thoughts to the group - if they all get on a zoom call together, it establishes a quorum and the meeting must be open to the public. If they individually get on a zoom meeting with you, then some of them have the information you provide and some do not... anyway, the Open Meetings Act can be tricky and we try to steer away from any “appearance” of OMA violations.
Let me know if you have any questions - feel free to give me a call. And please share your thoughts!

Thank you,

Debbie

Debra K. Thompson, CMC

Borough Clerk/Human Resources Manager

Petersburg Borough

907-772-5405

From: Aardvark LLC <architectureoffaith@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 4:57 PM
To: Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>
Subject: recycling

I've been doing some research and have an idea that might help with the recycling conundrum that we have in Petersburg. If you would like, we could do a zoom meeting, or I could just email with my thoughts.

respectfully,
Joshua Adams
201 Mitkof hwy.
architectureoffaith@gmail.com
907-723-5866
Dear Covid-19 Response Team, Assembly, Borough Manager, and Borough Clerk;

I've attached an article from the New York Times discussing the court decision regarding government action to treat houses of worship like businesses when addressing public health issues; such as Covid-19. It should be noted that the Supreme Court affirmed this position a second time when a religious group challenged the State of Nevada along these same lines.

Covid-19 is a virus that makes no distinction regarding which group meets. This was unfortunately demonstrated when a Mt. Vernon, Washington church choir met for practice in March of this year and had 45 of the 60 members attending practice come down with Covid-19 symptoms 20 days after their practice (2 people at the time of the reporting had died).

There is no vaccine for this virus. Even though efforts have been made by many in our community to exercise common sense by wearing masks, keeping distances from each other, and washing hands; there are plenty of examples of people not practicing these recommendations or ignoring them all together. Some on the Assembly assert that people should be taking "personal responsibility" for their protections but all you have to do is to walk around town to see that people just won't do this. My wife and I have both had to ask people to "step back" (sometimes assertively) and stand in lines with people not wearing masks (even though businesses/buildings have clearly posted people to act appropriately).

I support the ordinance as proposed. When there is a public health concern (like the current pandemic), we need to rely on our medical professionals to help direct us to protect our community. The discussion is about our general welfare as stated in the preamble of our Constitution. It isn't about "individual rights", as some protest, since we've seen that many rights provided in our constitution have been clarified to benefit the general public over time. (Examples: you can't yell "fire" in a crowded theater as a joke; many states now have "red flag" laws that can lawfully take guns away from persons who pose a threat.)

I appreciate all of the efforts taken in our community to keep us informed and safe. This ordinance is one more tool for our tool chest.

Bill Tremblay
P.O. Box 662
Petersburg, AK 99833
(907) 772-4461

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: Bill Tremblay <brtrembla@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 7:59 AM
From The New York Times:

Supreme Court, in 5-4 Decision, Rejects Church’s Challenge to Shutdown Order

A California church argued that restrictions on public gatherings treated houses of worship worse than many businesses.


Sent from my iPad
Debra Thompson

From: Donna Marsh <dmarsh430@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 9:20 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Proposed ordinance opposition

Dear Assembly Members, Mayor Jensen:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed ordinance 2020-19 as it far exceeds reasonable governance in a free society – even in a time of emergency.

We have been assured by assembly members that this proposed ordinance is very similar to the one that exists currently in municipal code. The existing one is about 450 words long (and needs serious revision in and of itself).

The proposed one is closer to 1500 words. A bigger borough ordinance just extends bigger governmental heavy-handedness.

Please vote NO on this third and final reading. It should have been tossed out entirely at its first introduction.

I’ll point out a few of the glaring overreaches proposed:

1. Making it criminal to step foot on borough property to secure individual property or to assist a friend or neighbor – or for goodness sake, taking a walk or hike for exercise and fresh air - during an emergency (or any time) is tyrannical.
2. Deeming some businesses as essential and allowing them to remain open while closing and destroying others because they are deemed nonessential is dictatorial (even in a time of emergency declaration).
3. Prohibiting the freedom of worship under any circumstance is capricious and goes against United States constitutional guarantees.
4. Giving a non-elected appointed “incident commander” full authority over the citizens of this community during any emergency (or not) is despotric.

To the argument that “we, the loyal governing body of this community, would never abuse this power,” think again. It is the nature of almost all men and women when granted a little authority, they abuse that power.

With the heavy-handed approach that has been imposed upon the people of this town during the covid mess under the existing mandates, you have lost the confidence in governance of me, my family and many others.

Sincerely,
Donna Marsh
Throw this out please. It is causing a huge divide in our town at such a vulnerable time. Please I ask you to also put some more trust in our community and know that we are capable of making safe and wise decisions.

Sincerely,
Jessica Cheney Sent from my iPhone
Hi!

I recommend the Borough Assembly NOT proceed with the changes to Emergency Order 2020-19.

Updating to change references of the City to Borough is fine.

If you want to proceed with this major change, put it up for vote by citizens.

Thanks for reading,

JoAnn Thynes
I would like to express my support for the Petersburg Landless issue. It is decades overdue. Most of Southeast Alaska; Petersburg, Wrangell, Ketchikan, Tenakee, Haines were left out of ANCSA when they should have been included. Please help to right this wrong.

I am a member of the Petersburg Landless community and grew up in Petersburg and would like to see this issue resolved. Thank you, Vilda Cooday, (907) 957-4378
Good morning,

Thank you for taking the time to review our concerns regarding this ordinance.

In the interest of saving time as there are probably many comments you are reading through, we will get to the point right away. The ordinance in our opinion needs to be removed completely. This is a small town in Southeast Alaska where the sense of community is one of the main reasons that people stay here. 2020 has been a very odd year in many respects and there have been many circumstances that have come up to cause division, conflict and even anger amongst this town. We feel that this ordinance only feeds the anger and frustration that many people are already feeling. There is not an emergency, whether natural disaster, pandemic, enemy invasion, or otherwise that would call for the Borough to step in and enforce curfews, business shutdowns, or really anything along those lines. The ordinance raises alarm bells in our minds as it echoes some of the same characteristics of Martial Law and even communist regimes. This ordinance in essence says that the Borough knows best and must step in when they deem necessary (which really could be anytime), and that the people are not to be trusted and cannot be allowed to make decisions for themselves.

This is a small step towards the power being taken away from the people, the citizens who make up this wonderful community, and handed over to those in control who may then call the shots as they see fit. Quite frankly, we do not trust an entity that has this much power, which is why we feel that this ordinance must be thrown out. The whole world is in chaos, and people living in places such as Australia slowly handed over various freedoms and they are now living in a nightmare where rules have been set in place that allow for the authorities to remove children from the parents' homes as they see fit. Over the years, freedom after freedom was taken away and this is now the position they are in. Examples such as this are why we disagree with the ordinance presented by the Borough.

Yes, this ordinance is in regards to "emergencies" but we do not see it that way. We see a Borough that is power hungry and this ordinance keeps coming up for some reason even though plenty of concerns have been raised. This ordinance makes room for more government control which is always concerning and will not help this town in any facet, not now, not ever. There are many people upset over this ordinance and rightly so; it's government overstepping and we live in America, which was founded on people seeking freedom from government overreach.

To sum up, this ordinance allows the Borough to make decisions that should not be. It's a step toward freedoms being taken away and this is not acceptable. People should be allowed to keep their businesses open, walk freely whenever they wish without the restraints of curfews, and without fear of being fined or put into jail. There are so many other things to be worried about in this town, such as the division that this ordinance is raising.

Thank you for your time and consideration, we hope that you truly look at the concerns raised by the people and consider what is actually good for this town, not the authority of the offices of the Borough.

Brittni and Caleb Caulum
Dear Assembly Members, September 3, 2020

Regarding Emergency Ordinance 2020-19:

Given that our Public Health agencies badly misjudged the severity of the coronavirus, never acknowledged their errors, but have carried on with their life-destroying lockdown operation to this day, they should never again be given a free hand to reign over our town, our schools, our businesses, and our health.

Any long-term "emergencies" should have massive input from the public, who have suffered from their unnecessary medical tyranny.

We do not need to be treated like children.

My suggestion is: REJECT THIS ORDINANCE in its entirety. Return to the original, substituting "city" with "borough."

Thank you, Dana Thynes
September 3, 2020

Randy Ruaro  
(sent via email)

Dear Randy,

I wanted to take a minute to thank you for your long service in Senator Stedman’s office working for the betterment of Southeast Alaska. Your dedication and work ethic exceed expectations and yet never seem to falter or lessen due to exhaustion – and I’m sure you had to be exhausted at times!

I truly appreciate your efforts for Petersburg in particular. While I will miss working closely with you as Senator Stedman’s Chief of Staff, I wish you the best in your future endeavors with Governor Dunleavy’s office. Let’s keep in touch.

Thanks again, and congratulations on the new position!

Sincerely,

Mark Jensen  
Mayor