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To: Civil Emergency
Subject: Concerns/Questions Regarding Ordinance 2020-19

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.

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