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From: Donna Marsh <dwmarsh430@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 despotic.

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