

**Petersburg Borough, Alaska  
RESOLUTION #2022-01**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE US POSTAL SERVICE TO PROVIDE  
ADDITIONAL SERVICES IN PETERSBURG, ALASKA**

**WHEREAS**, the US Postal Service in Petersburg provides post office boxes for Borough residents with no home mail delivery option; and

**WHEREAS**, the Petersburg Post Office has suffered from being short staffed for the last year and has seen severely reduced open hours for the counter for mailing and picking up packages; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduced hours are causing long lines to form to use the counter services and those waiting in the lines do so for anywhere from a few minutes to over an hour before their post office business is completed; and

**WHEREAS**, the extended wait time in these lines is extremely problematic to our local businesses, many of whom are short staffed due to COVID related issues, who need to receive their business inventory as well as mail outbound locally purchased goods; and

**WHEREAS**, many Petersburg residents who have daytime jobs have not been able to use the Post Office counter services on their lunch hour or after work; and

**WHEREAS**, many essential goods, such as medications, are delivered to Petersburg residents' post office boxes by the US Postal Service; and

**WHEREAS**, Petersburg is located on an island in Southeast Alaska so residents cannot drive to a Post Office in another community to use counter services.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Petersburg Borough Assembly hereby requests a formal discussion with the US Postal Service to explore additional service possibilities, such as self-help kiosks in the Post Office lobby and mail drop boxes located downtown, to better meet the needs of the Petersburg community.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on January 3, 2022.

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**Mark Jensen, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk**