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From: Casey Flint <casey@rockysmarine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 10:30 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: Ordinance 2021-20
Attachments: Closure Notice.pdf

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I am writing today to express my concern that the proposed emergency ordinance #2021-20 simply goes too far. I do not support this amount of assembly control of private businesses. I am sure you will hear from lots of local businesses on this agenda item. Your local business owners just want to keep their doors open and serve our customers in the way we see best. We quietly collect sales tax revenue for the borough and pay property taxes on our stores, homes, buildings and land. I think you will find us less quiet as a group when you deem to tell us how and who we let through our doors.

I support a person's choice to mask, I support a person's choice social distance and other measures to keep ourselves safe. But, I believe that all of these measures come down to personal responsibility and this ordinance is not okay with me. Local businesses have struggled and fought through this pandemic to keep our doors open, to keep our employees working, to provide for the families that rely on our business and to keep our customers served as best we can. Asking us to police the behavior of another individual is a step too far. Threatening us with fines for another individual's non-compliance is an outrage. Should you find yourself in need of my goods or services after passing ordinance #2021-20, you will only find the attached sign on my locked door.

I urge you to let this ordinance die on the floor.

Respectfully,

Casey Flint

Rocky's Marine Inc
907-772-3949

I apologize, but Rocky's Marine is closed today.

We stand with the Petersburg Business Community in protest against the Borough Assembly enacting their most recent emergency order, Ordinance #2021-20.

We feel that it is unreasonable to expect business owners and employees to police what should be personal responsibility and run a business all while facing potential fines for someone else's personal choices.

If you are similarly disappointed in the Assembly's action or if this closure has caused you some inconvenience, I urge you to contact the Borough Assembly and let them know that you do not support Ordinance #2021-20 and it should be repealed immediately.

Email them at: assembly@petersburgak.gov

If you have an emergency, I may be contacted via email: casey@rockysmarine.com.