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Good Morning,

I feel strongly that requiring business owners to police the mask mandate and issue fines is an egregious overreach of government, as well as an extremely unfair position to put them in. You are making them alienate their patrons and comprise their livelihood while times are already tough! I believe our government and police department should be trying to support the individual businesses and offer them any assistance they need in navigating these trying times, not burdening them with unreasonable expectations. Individual businesses should have the right to operate in a manor that works for them. If they choose to require masks to enter their store that should be respected and supported by the community as a whole. If they require assistance from the local police department or government that should be given, however to implement these unreasonable expectations will only serve to further comprise our local businesses and community as a whole. This is not the Perersburg I moved to and was excited to call home. If the Borough passes these new additions to the emergency ordinance I have no doubt that it will only increase the divide and animosity within this community. With each escalation of government overreach, I feel the ability for this community to heal and overcome this pandemic is becoming further and further out of reach! We need to look at the big picture and think about what type of community do we want to call home? I'm guessing to more and more people Petersburg is losing its appeal. I really hope we can start taking steps to return to a community I am proud to call home.

Thank you
Alisa Jestel

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