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Council Members -

Quick note to encourage the termination of the mask mandate in town. CDC has relaxed and major stores nationwide are dropping the requirement. By Monday more will join the trend. Even Anchorage has dropped masks. One could question their motives but what the heck, no masks in Anchorage. I'd even suggest an end to the "emergency". There really is no emergency nature to the current situation. Vaccinations are preceding to the point we have to start "pushing" people to get them. Petersburg according to the Pilot has the highest vaccination rate in the state. The hospital has never been close to being overrun with covid patients. New treatments not known at the beginning of the pandemic now help near centenarians survive a covid infection. The cruise ships as far as I know will only be bringing fully vaccinated passenger to town. The few who will never voluntarily get vaccinated should not be allowed to force the prudent majority of town to hold us hostage. The last few cases reported have all not been vaccinated and were infected while traveling outside Petersburg. If not now when? If "more" needs to be done let's be clear about what exactly it is that must happen to put all this behind us.

Again if not now when?

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