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Greetings Assembly Members,

I would like to thank each and every one of you for passing the mask mandate last week. I would like to ask you to please make an effort to at least let people know that you are serious about what the mandate says. The same people who have refused to wear a mask in the past are still refusing to wear them now. I don't think you need to implement a fine but I do think that if you were to task the police department with some active educating of the public it could go a long way. I also think the different business owners should be asked to help people know that if they are inside their business then they need to wear a mask. If people refuse to wear a mask, the shop keepers can always refuse service to them, just as they can when people don't wear shoes, shirts, pants etc. In fact, people don't seem to mind when shop owners ask them to leave their backpacks at the door. For the Police Department, walking through the different businesses and just being seen could go a long way. If the officers were to see someone not wearing a mask , the conversation might go something like this. - "Hello sir/mam, how are you? Are you aware that the assembly passed a mandate that says you must wear a face covering while you are inside any building that is open to the public? We are hear to remind you that it was passed to help protect everybody in Petersburg from getting or transmitting covid-19. Our schools and medical staff are stretched to the limit right now and it is a community wide effort to help get our infected numbers down and to protect each other. We are only asking that you please do your part. If you absolutely do not want to wear a face covering, you may have a friend or relative or an employee of the business do your shopping for you so you do not have to enter the building."

That is just an example, I am sure the assembly or other officials could come up with a much better educational blurb.

Thank you for your time. I feel that if the Borough and the business owners do not work together than you might as well call off the mandate.

Thank you again.

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