

**Petersburg Borough, Petersburg, Alaska
RESOLUTION #2021-04**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PETERSBURG HOSPITAL BOARD AND
PETERSBURG MEDICAL CENTER IN THE PLANNING FOR A NEW HOSPITAL FACILITY
IN PETERSBURG TO BE COMPLETED IN PHASES**

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Borough Assembly recognizes the need for quality health care for Petersburg residents; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly recognizes the health care industry's substantive changes in health care regulations, privacy concerns, treatment processes, equipment, communications and procedures; and

WHEREAS, our current health care facility, Petersburg Medical Center, is reaching forty (40) years of age and infrastructure can no longer be remodeled to accommodate the necessary upgrades, making the existing facility obsolete and in need of replacement; and

WHEREAS, there are safety concerns with structural deficiencies and age of equipment; and

WHEREAS, PMC departments are in need of more space to meet the needs of their patients and staff; and

WHEREAS, the cost of a new facility far exceeds the Boroughs ability to finance or bond for the project, making it imperative that the project be completed in phases as external sources of funding are available; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly support the concept and planning association with building a new hospital, but would like PMC to proceed in phases; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has agreed to provide 1 of 3 sites to PMC as part of the planning for construction of a new hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly supports PMC moving forward with the geotechnical work so that a specific site can be designated by the Borough to PMC for the planning for a new hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly supports the Hospital Board in moving forward with phase 2 to bring the selected site to shovel ready status.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Petersburg Borough Assembly:

- 1) Supports the efforts of the Petersburg Hospital Board and PMC in their endeavor to engage the public and develop a plan for a new facility that will meet the needs of Petersburg Borough residents for health care services well into the future; and
- 2) Supports the continual need for public dialogue and participation in the planning for a new facility, and
- 3) Wishes to participate with the Hospital Board and CEO in the planning for a new facility, and

- 4) Supports the manager and staff working with the Hospital CEO and potential contractors in connection with planning for a new facility, and
- 5) Supports the Board in its effort to seek external financing for the facility; and
- 6) Lends it support in the search for external sources of funding.

Passed and Approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on May 17, 2021, 2021.



Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk