



PETERSBURG BOROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATE #
(Borough Harbor Facilities - cruise ship docking and disembarkment)

The CDC's *No Sail Order* has been extended, banning cruise ships from continued operations and from disembarking passengers and crew members, due to the finding that cruise ship travel exacerbates the spread of COVID-19. That No Sale Order currently extends only to those vessels with the capacity to carry 250 or more individuals, while the vessels which visit the Borough are generally small cruise vessels that carry fewer passengers. Nonetheless, cruise ship travel, regardless of the size of the vessel, remains a substantial public health concern, and it is necessary for the Borough to address this public health concern, with the assistance of the Borough Public Health Official. The Borough Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of the safety and health of Petersburg that small cruise vessels be prohibited from utilizing Borough harbor facilities without the express approval of the Borough Public Health Official. The conditions of this Mandate are designed to provide the least necessary restrictions.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF PETERSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 3.72, THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY HEREBY ORDERS:

No cruise ship entering the Borough may utilize Borough harbor facilities, as defined in PMC 14.20.030, or disembark passengers or crew members onto the docks or floats of those facilities, without the prior written approval of the Borough Public Health Officer, said approval to be conditioned upon a finding that the vessel passengers and crew present no hazard of transmitting COVID-19 to the Petersburg community. The captain or master of the vessel shall contact the Borough Public Health Officer, Mark Tuccillo, DO at 907-518-1336 or 907-772-2266, at least 24 hours prior to the vessel's anticipated arrival.

In this Mandate, 'cruise ship' means any commercial, passenger-carrying vessel with the capacity to carry 25 or more passengers who are traveling for pleasure, and with an itinerary anticipating an overnight stay onboard.

Effective Date and Duration. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption, and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020, unless extended or earlier terminated.

Effective Area. This Order is applicable borough-wide.

Passed and Approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on April _____, 2020.

Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk