

eComments  
Ordinance 2020-29

**peter zuyus**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:41am 06-16-20

Dear Assembly members,

I am a U.S. Navy Veteran and strong supporter of the 2nd amendment to the United States Constitution and FULLY SUPPORT Ordinance 2020-29.

The Ordinance is a matter of layering our 2nd Amendment rights and extends no harm to any person or group. 62% of Alaskans are firearm owners and significantly more that that fully support the 2nd Amendment and whatever we can do to protect that right.

Please join your fellow Alaskans and our Founding Fathers and vote YES to pass Ordinance 2020-29.

Thank you

Peter T. Zuyus

Homer, Alaska

**Robert & Jill Shimko**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:30am 06-16-20

I support this agenda as a confirmation to our US Constitution. I believe in what Mayor Pierce and assembly members Bjorkman, Blakely and Carpenter are proposing. This is a bold statement of law provided under the US Constitution, and this borough needs the recognition of it. It provides an additional statement for any that appose it, to keep their hands off.

Jill Shimko

**Cassie Lawver**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:22am 06-16-20

Assembly Members,

Reading the comments below I see they completely miss the point of the ordinance. Not to mention misinterpreting an assembly man comment who supports this ordinance. Mr Peters attempt to label Assembly member Bjorkman as a bully with a gun by implying that Mr Bjorkman will use his gun to gain respect just shows he does not know Mr. Bjorkman heart and the fact that he is a respected member of his community. That assumption was reckless and I hope the assembly looks pass that kind of rhetoric when reading comments on this or any ordinance.

As we see a lot of agenda's being push through our local and state government, this ordinance will once again define what side of the political line you are on. Yes, the 2nd amendment is protect under our US Constitution, but I would like to see our borough stand proud and say we support the rights of its citizen and that includes the 2nd Amendment. This assembly has presented some very controversial ordinances lately. This Ordinance already has the support of our Constitution, so I urge you to take off your liberal agenda thinking hat and suppose your fellow assembly members, Bjorkman, Blakely, Carpenter and our elected Mayor Pierce and vote to support this ordinance.

Thank you,

Cassie Lawver

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**Matthew Peters**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:28am 06-15-20

06/14/20

Dear Assembly Members

I'd like to urge all open-minded persons with a vote to defeat Ordinance 2020-29. Please read the article "The Second Amendment needs no sanctuary" by Hal Spence in the Peninsula Clarion (Vol. 50, Issue 188) for a cogent listing of reasons why this is bad for our communities on the Peninsula.

As you are aware, AK Stat § 44.99.040 (2015) already covers the right to bear arms. The language in the proposed ordinance just copies what is already established. This redundancy is making many people ask why would you need to do this?

One reason, unrelated to sportsmanship and tourism, given by Assembly member Bjorkman on the Radio Kenai Website is "that a polite society is an armed society." (Jason Lee, 2020, <https://www.radiokenai.net/assemblymembers-look-to-declare-borough-second-amendment-sanctuary/>) I take umbrage at this. In a free society, firearms are not a means to coerce your neighbors. Bjorkman is implying that if someone does not award him an adequate level of respect, then he thinks turning his weapon on them will produce an attitude adjustment.

This country has a problem with vigilantism. Ahmaud Arbery was slain by men with guns claiming he was a thief. The Pulse nightclub was turned from a gay bar into a charnel house. Our country needs change. Many brilliant young minds are working on it, and it is maddening that with this ordinance you would pledge to stand in their way towards producing any future solutions by blocking all proposed legislative reforms. As Mr. Spence points out, Second Amendment sanctuaries are unconstitutional. That was the same problem with this Assembly's invocation policy. Why can't you learn from your mistakes, before we again lose in court and face further shame and court settlements?

I'd suggest in place of Ordinance 2020-29, this body instead address problems of contact tracing the coronavirus and training all of the Borough's employees to wear masks and keep a distance of at least six feet apart when interacting with the public. For that you would have my respect and the accompanying politeness.

Black Lives Matter,  
Matthew Peters  
Kenai

**Sammy Crawford**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:49am 06-14-20

Declaring the borough a second amendment sanctuary seems really odd since the borough has no police powers. We have courts to declare laws unconstitutional. If we are going to select different amendments to the United States Constitution to support as a borough there are many others that deserve consideration.