

October 23, 2011

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Dear Mr. Williams:

The proposed Petersburg Borough does not meet the standards of cultural and social requirements. We are on the verge of losing a way of life, because of restrictions and zoning laws brought on by the forming of a borough. One of the amazing bonuses in the Last Frontier is the ability to create our own life style. We are still able to use our own ingenuity to build a meaningful and workable home environment. Socially, we don't need to depend on a government to meet our needs for electricity, police and fire protection, water, sewage, garbage collection, communication, fuel supplies, etc. We are able to solve these needs ourselves without having to depend on tax structures and laws.

The culture in our non-borough environment is one where we help each other to solve problems, share ideas, and create social activities.

Socially, we are not able to participate in decision making activities if we become part of a borough. Nearly all council and committee activities are scheduled for evenings, after work hours. Traveling by water, when it's dark, is dangerous.

Another concern is that some people on fixed incomes won't be able to pay the ever increasing taxes imposed on their property.

Sincerely,

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