



Parking is mandatory for the success of the businesses in Ridgeville. We have far too many obstacles in regards to having adequate parking. This parking is used for people taking walks, which is fantastic however, 4 people will meet to go for a walk in 4 cars. That is a loss of 4 parking spots for 1-8hrs. We have had people park their cars and set up lawn chairs to sit and have a drink (from home). People meet here to go for bike rides, because Pelham is a biking community. We want this to be a welcoming community for people to walk, bike and enjoy but at the cost of loss of business due to lack of parking, well-marked parking and monitoring of the existing parking is all a bit much.

Lastly, one of the local businesses in Ridgeville does not have their own parking, currently they are using the water station as their parking. The importance of noting this is that of the public parking spaces available is partly getting absorbed by one of the businesses. More loss of business due to more shortage of parking.

I implore council to review the parking again and find a less expensive option that might be in your scope for this year. As well information on what the businesses of Ridgeville could do to have themselves put on your radar.

I look forward to hearing back from all council members in regards to this, and how in the future the Town of Pelham plans on supporting the Shoppes of Ridgeville as a business in their jurisdiction. I have a feeling moving forward we will no longer be the "Quiet, Patient" group.

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