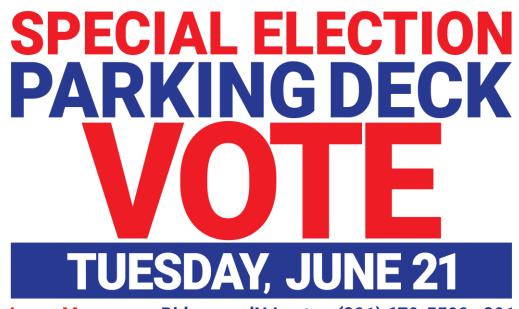
If You Want a Parking Deck at Hudson Street, Vote YES on Tuesday, June 21.



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A Guide to the June 21 Parking Deck Referendum

Frequently Asked Questions

What will the June 21 referendum question say?

"Shall Ordinance No. 3521, submitted by referendum petition providing for the Council of the Village of Ridgewood to issue \$11,500,000 bonds or notes to finance the cost of constructing the Hudson Street parking deck, be adopted?"

Does the referendum have anything to do with the size of the proposed parking deck?

No. There is absolutely <u>no</u> language in the referendum – or in the ordinance it refers to – about the size or shape or look of the proposed parking deck. This referendum is <u>only</u> about cost and location.

Didn't we already vote on a Hudson Street parking deck referendum last November?

Yes. On November 3, Ridgewood voters overwhelmingly supported – about 65% -- the financing and building of a parking deck at Hudson Street. That referendum, however, was non-binding and therefore did not have the force of law.

Didn't the Village Council vote on a Hudson Street parking deck in March?

Yes. On March 23, the Village Council unanimously (5-0) supported an ordinance to bond up to \$11.5 million to finance and build a parking deck at Hudson Street.

So, if the public voted and the council voted, why are we having a special election on June 21?

A small group of residents led a petition drive, which effectively forces the Village to put this issue (again) to a public referendum vote. The June 21st election, however, will be legally binding.

Why does the bond ordinance estimate a cost of about \$11.5 million?

Last November's public referendum focused on a parking deck that would have at least 375 spaces at a cost of no more than \$15 million. Following many public discussions and consideration of different sizes and shapes, the Council agreed to a compromise parking deck that would have only 325 spaces at a cost of no more than \$11.5 million. That said, the next Council will make final decisions regarding size, shape, look, etc.

Why is a parking deck important?

Three reasons: quality of life, public safety and the health, well-being of our downtown.

- Quality of Life: It will make life a whole lot easier for those of us who commute and/or shop and dine downtown. In fact, for Ridgewood train station commuters which NJ Transit estimates to be over 1,700 riders per day a parking deck could provide significant relief.
- Public Safety: A parking deck would decrease the number of people who drive around and around in circles – often increasingly angry and frustrated – looking for a parking spot.
- Health, Well-Being of Our Downtown: The number one challenge facing our local businesses is the scarcity of parking. For many, it's a matter of survival. And while this has been true for many years and we have lost many businesses because of it the fact is that the parking situation has reached crisis proportion. The evolution of our downtown to include more restaurants and more hair/nail salons things you can't buy online and don't want to do at shopping malls has increased the number of employees and the number of customers.

How should I vote on June 21?

If you want a parking deck at Hudson Street, please vote "YES!"

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For Our Residents...



For Our Businesses...



For Our Community!

Having Waited Nearly 90 Years for a Parking Deck, This is Literally a Chance of a Lifetime!

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