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Hi Brendan,

I appreciate your prompt follow up on this issue.

I recently noticed the business petition posting next door (838 Independence Ave.) to my residence at [REDACTED] and it immediately raised concerns since I have already been engrossed in a battle over the noise and conflict that the rapidly growing pickleball community at Mitchell Park has created between themselves and tennis players as well as just general park users.

The repeated sharp popping noise that is made when the pickleball hits the paddle can seem somewhat innocuous for a short while but when it continues on and on for an hour or hours it becomes very grating, distracting and unpleasant. I also realize that pickleball players are oftentimes unaware of how intrusive this sound becomes over time.

When the new renters moved in next door, about a year ago, and set up their pickleball facility I wasn't all too excited about it, but it was a private thing, indoors and a small group that played for a very limited amount of time. So, I thought no big deal.

As warmer days arrived, the roll up doors went up and they began to play relatively early in the morning, so I was often times awakened by the repeated popping of the pickleball hitting the paddle and the occasional shouting and cheering after a good point or shot.

This has become mildly intrusive but not horrible. And, I by no means am against people have some good fun and getting exercise at the same time.

What irks me, is when there is a lack of self awareness and understanding of the intrusiveness and impact that one's activity might create.

This is a mixed zoning area with both residential and commercial real estate. If it were all commercial, that would be a different story.

The only way I would be ok with this facility turning into an expanding pickleball business is if the doors stayed closed all of the time, no exceptions. Otherwise, I am vehemently against this project becoming anything other than what it currently is now.

I have paid rent at this location for well over 20 years. That being said, I hope my input and feelings about this proposal will hold some weight with the guidance and decision making that the city planning and building department are responsible for during the approval process.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

If you have any questions or need further input from me regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,
Earl P Crowl



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