

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

**SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**PARKING DECK**  
**VOTE**  
**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 no 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 only 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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